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Wardens may be handed police roles

Traffic wardens in Walsall town centre could have police powers to issue fines and penalty points in just a matter of months.

Walsall Council wants the powers transferred to stop motorists flouting driving laws and causing accidents.

Council leader Mike Bird said officers were now waiting to hear from the secretary of state on whether or not the bid had been approved – and it could be just three or four months before the changes were brought in. He said it would also relieve some of the pressure on police in Walsall.

"We have put together a report and written to the secretary of state about the powers being passed over to the council," Councillor Bird said.

"People are basically ignoring the rules and this will help them be prosecuted.

"The police are understandably busy with other things and we want to relieve the pressure on them and improve the safety of the town centre.

Licence

"The powers would allow them to issue fixed-penalty fines and even points on people's licence."

Councillor Bird added: "I think it's long overdue to be honest. We have put together a strong bid and, if approved, we are talking months not years."

One of the main aims of the transfer of power is to stop drivers flouting laws in St Paul's Street, leading up to the accident-prone bus station.

The road is restricted to buses, taxis and permit holders but cars continue to driver along it.

The latest accident caused as a result of cars driving along the restricted road happened on March 7 between two buses and two cars.

West Midlands Police said officers were doing all they could to keep the area safe and had issued 57 fixed penalty tickets in the 10 weeks prior to the latest accident.

Sgt Adam Reynolds, from the Walsall town centre policing team, said officers were constantly in the town centre, enforcing driving and parking laws.

"There is clear signage in place telling motorists they cannot turn right at that junction, if any driver is caught ignoring this they will be issued with a fine," he said.

Victims airlifted after 3-car crash

A driver was airlifted to hospital after suffering injuries when his car flipped over in a three-vehicle crash in Walsall.

A woman who was in a van also had to be airlifted to hospital after suffering leg and arm fractures in the smash.

Ambulance, fire and police crews were called to the crash which happened near Morrisons petrol station on Wallows Lane at around 9.50am on Sunday.

Hundreds of motorists were delayed after the road was closed for nearly two hours while emergency services dealt with the incident.

A Ford Ka had flipped on to its roof after colliding with the van and another car, leaving the two occupants hanging from their seat belts. The male driver was cut free by fire crews.

Both airlifted casualties were taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham. The female passenger in the Ford, who suffered minor injuries, was also taken to the hospital.

The woman driver of another car involved was taken to Walsall Manor Hospital.

Force is ordered to pay £1,000 compensation

TEACHER'S VICTORY IN ARREST CASE

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A teacher who taught media studies at a Walsall school has been awarded £1,000 compensation after he successfully sued West Midlands Police for being unlawfully arrested and held when he was accused of assaulting a pupil.

Mark Richardson, a 39-year-old teacher of unblemished character, ended up at the centre of a legal storm after a pupil at Blue Coat Comprehensive lodged a complaint against him in 2009.

The boy claimed he had been assaulted, but Mr Richardson, a father of three, was adamant the pupil walked into his outstretched arm as he tried to protect himself from a swinging door which had already hit him once.

On December 16, 2009, Mr Richardson attended first Bloxwich and then Walsall police stations voluntarily and was placed under arrest. While in custody he was photographed, fingerprinted and had a DNA sample taken before being released on police bail.

It later became clear the boy's parents did not want to pursue their police complaint and on January 12 last year, Mr Richardson was told no further action would be taken against him.

Distressing

The teacher said he found the whole experience deeply distressing and feared the arrest would show up in future Criminal Record Bureau checks and be a "black spot" on his career. He sued the Chief Constable of West Midlands Police and, at London's High Court, Mrs Justice Swift ruled he had been unlawfully arrested and "falsely imprisoned". Pointing out that "calm and compliant" Mr Richardson had attended both police stations voluntarily, the judge said there was no evidence that an evaluation was made of the need to take him into custody and the police had failed to show his arrest was "necessary".

Awarding Mr Richardson £1,000 damages, the judge concluded: "I make a declaration that the arrest of the claimant on December 16, 2009, was unlawful. His claim for false imprisonment consequent upon the unlawful arrest succeeds".

Mrs Justice Swift stopped short of ordering that the record of Mr Richardson's arrest be wiped from the Police National Computer. However, she said the Chief Constable had stated he will take the court's decision into account when considering any request for its removal.

Chris Keates, general secretary of the NASUWT, the largest teachers' union, said: "This is a landmark decision for teachers and others who are vulnerable to allegations made by children and young people. New guidance for police is needed urgently to prevent these needless arrests that wreck innocent people's careers.

"Teachers are vulnerable to allegations made by pupils. Such allegations frequently involve police investigation. The overwhelming majority prove to be false."

Success is a snip for Lucy



Walsall College NVQ Level 3 hairdressing student Lucy Gibara

A Walsall college student snipped her way to success in regional heats of a hairdressing competition securing a place in the national final. Walsall College's Lucy Gibara, aged 21, impressed in the Wella Professionals Xposure competition at the Wisemore Campus. She was chosen to join four others from across the region to compete in national finals in June. Wella Xposure leads nationwide hairdressing competition for students. Students create a commercial cut and colour, and style clothes and make-up.

Prizes include £1,000 of Wella Professionals training vouchers, a £500 tool kit.

Lucy said: "The Wella Xposure competition was a challenging but thoroughly enjoyable experience."

325 caught in crackdown on criminals

More than 325 people were arrested during a three-month crime crackdown in Walsall which police have hailed a success.

Operation Intrusive ran between January and March this year to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour across Walsall.

Officers said it had resulted in a 47 per cent reduction in crime as there had been 108 crimes from January to March 2010 compared to 57 this year. Walsall police executed over 85 warrants throughout the operation.

Cycle patrols on canal towpaths led to officers in Bloxwich apprehending five people who were found with stolen power tools.

A brothel was closed down by officers and a scheme in Coalpool encouraged residents to report criminal behaviour.

Police response officers, neighbourhood police teams, CID, specialised teams, Walsall Housing Group, Walsall Area Partnership and Caldmore Housing Association were all involved.

Shoplifters

The Intrusive team, consisting of nine officers, were responsible for arresting over 45 people and seized over £14,000 worth of money and suspected stolen goods. In Willenhall, officers targeted shoplifters and worked with taxi companies encouraging them to report suspicious behaviour.

Funding was also secured to mark property in homes with SmartWater, which acts as a burglar deterrent.

Supt Keith Fraser, from Walsall police station, said: "I would like to not only thank my officers and staff but also our local partners which includes the council, fire, NHS, neighbourhood managers and social landlords."

"Officers across Walsall have been working closely with our partners to ensure we adopt a joined up approach to tackle community concerns."

He said police and partners were also tackling crime and anti-social behaviour by looking at crime prevention projects, local clean-ups and dealing with tenancy breaches.

Mr Fraser added: "It is good to see such a collaborative approach across Walsall."

Examination proves to be inconclusive

A post mortem on a father-of-two found dead in his Bloxwich flat has come back inconclusive, police say.

Further tests have now been ordered into the death of the man, thought to be Neil Stringer, whose body was found in a flat in Lichfield Road on March 28. West Midlands Police are treating the death as "unexplained" but said no-one else was being sought in connection with it.

The 42-year-old man's body was found at a flat at the back of a newsagents, Rani News, in Little Bloxwich, at about 8.30am.

Rakesh Rani, 58, let the flat to divorced Mr Stringer last year.

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Builder in administration

A housebuilder with sites in Walsall has gone into administration. But the jobs of more than 140 staff, at the McInerney Group, may be saved by a rescue deal being set up. The firm called in administrators on Monday. The UK arm of Ireland's biggest housebuilder, the company has offices across the northern half of the UK. Six subsidiary businesses are also in administration.

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£90,000 safety boost for accident-plagued road

An accident-plagued road in Willenhall where a teenager died after being run over by a skip lorry is to get up to £90,000 of improvements.

Clarkes Lane has seen 18 accidents in the last three years - prompting plans for anti-skid surfacing and pedestrian refuges. Work to improve safety will be carried out between Stroud Avenue and Walsall Road.

The improvements will include lines and signs being installed.

The move comes after 16-year-old Tyrone

Allen was killed near the junction of Stroud Avenue last August.

The busy Clarkes Lane merges into Sandbeds Road at the junction, and the highways improvements comes after calls for action.

The project is earmarked by transport chiefs for the next financial year subject to securing the necessary cash. It follows a review of accident blackspots between November 2007 and 2010.

Willenhall councillor Ian Shires said they

had been pushing for action along the main route in a bid to cut the risk of accidents.

"It is something that is obviously needed," he said. "Following the fatal accident last year we asked for it to be followed up."

"It is an extremely busy road and there are a lot of HGVs that use it. When you go down Clarkes Lane it can be extremely difficult for pedestrians to cross. "It is long, wide and fast road and needs to have some measures taken on it." Teenage cyclist Tyrone was just days away from getting his GCSE results

when he died after falling into the path of a skip lorry.

The Coppice Performing Arts School pupil was not knocked down by the lorry but fell off his bike at the same time it passed him.

The youngster of Ashmore Park, Wednesfield, suffered multiple injuries through being hit by the vehicle at the junction of Stroud Avenue on August 9.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain recorded a verdict of death due to an accident at his inquest.

Homeserve in bold plans for the future

Homeserve has revealed its bold plans to add millions of new customers to its books and boost the Walsall firm across the Atlantic.

The town's biggest private employer, which specialises in home emergency insurance, said it wanted to make it big in the US, increasing its number of policies there by 70 per cent.

The company, which employs 1,600 in Walsall, said it was expecting another year of strong profits growth as its expansion both home and abroad continues.

But a question mark still hangs over its plans for the future in the borough after plans to expand the Green Lane base and create jobs were put on ice.

Chief executive Richard Harpin said: "Our US business is continuing to perform strongly. We expect to deliver customer growth of over 50 per cent compared to a year ago, with policy numbers increasing by over 70 per cent."

"We now have 21.3 million affinity partner households with 17 partners in the US and discussions are ongoing with a number of other potential future partners."

In the UK, HomeServe said its marketing campaigns had delivered strong customer and policy growth.

"Customer numbers in the UK at the end of February 2011 were three per cent higher than at the same period in 2010," Mr Harpin said.

"UK policy numbers are expected to be around six per cent higher than a year ago with both plumbing and drains and water supply policies and gas and gas supply pipe policies growing during the year. HomeServe has seen a good finish to the year and we expect to report another year of strong growth in profit."

Mini-retail park plans shot down

Plans to create a mini-retail park on the outskirts of Walsall town centre have been thrown out amid concerns the scheme would clash with multi-million pound regeneration plans.

Walsall Council has rejected proposals for the shopping complex near the Arboretum junction, fearing it would compromise the £400 million Giga-park scheme.

A mix of shops and food outlets was suggested for the site of a former petrol station in Ward Street, to revive the area.

The scheme for retail units was put forward by West Midlands Starfish Group. But after months of consideration the council has rejected the proposals, citing the impact on other shops and overall regeneration plans.

Walsall Planning chief David Elsworth said: "The application site is within the boundary of the approved Walsall Giga-park regeneration initiative."

"The proposals would not be compliant with, and would compromise, the deliverability of the office floorspace proposals in Giga-park and the borough generally. He added: "There is no local unmet need and as such the proposal would cause harm to the vitality and viability of local shopping facilities within easy walking distance of residents."

The Giga-park project aims to create a business corridor in the town centre drawing in big name companies. New Walsall Housing Group offices are being built in Littleton Street as part of the ambitious scheme. The Wisemore Campus and new Look Tesco store already play a prominent part in the town's regeneration aims.

History walk on wild side

The wildlife and history of a Walsall beauty spot will be explored during an organised walk this weekend. The stroll around Morrisons Wood local nature reserve off Birmingham Road will take place on April 10. It is being led by countryside rangers from 2pm and will take two hours. For details call 0845 111 2900.

Market fakes seized

More than 70 counterfeit goods worth more than £4,500 have been seized from a Walsall market after a swoop by police and council chiefs.

Fake footwear and clothes were recovered during a raid on Bescot Market following a tip-off.

Household names were among the brands on display in Bescot Crescent.

The operation was led by trading standards officers, police and brand protection representatives. After examination of the goods they were discovered to be counterfeit. The swoop at the market was carried out recently.

It's estimated if the items had been genuine they would have generated more than £4,550.

Council chiefs said they work alongside market operators LSD Promotions to rid Bescot Market of all counterfeit products.

John Beavon, trading standards manager at Walsall Council, said: "The counterfeit production and selling market is immense. It is often accompanied by far more serious criminal activity such as drug dealing."

Pupils in clean-up

Pupils across Walsall have been doing their bit for cleaning up the borough as part of a campaign to boost their communities.

Walsall Council and youth sector organisation Rathbone Vilex Walsall have been working together as part of the Love Your Landscapes initiative.

Among the first schools were Barr Beacon Language College supported by Pheasey Park Farm Primary. Pupils helped clean up Doe Bank Park in Pheasey.

Cash for arboretum revamp may reduce

Cash needed for the multi-million pound transformation of Walsall Arboretum could soon be whittled down to just £80,000. Walsall Council had to find £3 million towards a £7.6m revamp of the park which started last autumn.

When a formal application was being developed at the beginning of 2009 the amount needed from the council was still £1.1m. The project was allowed to start by the Heritage Lottery Fund as long as the full walsallchronicle@expressandstar.co.uk

Car wash is likely to be closed down

A car wash operating without planning permission in Walsall Wood that neighbours have complained about, is likely to be closed. An enforcement notice was due to be approved for the car wash in Salters Road.

Residents have complained of constant spray from pressure washers, noisy vacuum cleaners and traffic. Council bosses agreed that the "continued annoyance is far in excess of that which can be reasonably expected". The planning committee may back an enforcement notice.

Walsall Council launched a crackdown earlier this year on unapproved car washes, and about a dozen sites are being investigated. The authority is carrying out a borough-wide review of car washes that are suspected of operating outside the rules.

David Elsworth, head of planning and building control, said the Walsall Wood car wash did not have planning permission.

"The hand car wash and valeting, including the use of pressure washers, vacuum cleaners, vehicles waiting and manoeuvring, and associated general activities results in noise, disturbance and overspray of water," he said. All that affected neighbouring properties, he added.

Mr Elsworth said: "The owner and occupier of the site have been advised they are operating without planning permission."

"The occupier verbally expressed a will to submit a planning application, though officers advised any planning application is unlikely to be supported."

He explained the car wash meant the use of washers and machinery very close to flats above the shops, and a garden next door.

"The use is a continued annoyance for nearby residents, far in excess of that which can be reasonably expected," he added.

Owners of the car wash could not be contacted for comment. At a peak in 2009, more than 25 car washes were investigated.

amount was collected by its completion in 2013.

The council gathered external funds to cover the remaining amount over the last two years and is putting forward a new funding bid to further reduce the sum and bring it below £100,000.

Council Leisure chief Chris Holliday, said: "We're awaiting the decision on a funding application submitted by the Arboretum User Group for £50,000. If successful, it will reduce the funding gap to £80,000."

"We're confident the additional funding required for the scheme will be found over the lifetime of the Restoration Programme."

The revamp of the park is taking place over the next few years with work on a new visitor centre forming a big part of the plans.

Boathouse

Refurbishment of the bandstand and boathouse are planned along with extensive footpath resurfacing and widespread horticultural improvements.

Boating, canoeing and kayaking are set to be introduced on the lake at the arboretum. More than 250 trees have been cut down for the scheme but council chiefs insisting an extra 300 will be planted.

The work comes as it emerged the popular Walsall Illuminations, held annually at the park, will never return after more than 50 years in the town.

Fears over the future of the annual lights extravaganza, which has not taken place since 2008, were first raised a year ago but council chiefs insisted it would be held in the future.

However, they admit it will not return and lights will be sold. Instead, parts of the park will be lit throughout the year.

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Pals off on 1,600-mile ride



The Mayor of Walsall, Councillor Gary Clarke, with Anthony Bate and Glyn Marston who are taking part in the Three Towers bike ride for charity

Two riders will be cycling 1,600 miles across Europe in 16 days to collect cash for Walsall Hospice and disadvantaged children.

The Triple Tower Challenge will see Glyn Marston and Anthony Bate cycle from the Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy to the Eiffel Tower in France.

They will then go from France to Blackpool Tower in a bid to raise thousands of pounds for the Mayor of Walsall's Charity Appeal. Mr Marston,

aged 48, from New Invention, has run more than 30 marathons and collected more than £100,000 for charities over the decades. He will be joined by his friend Mr Bate, also 48, and they will set off on the challenge on April 25 cycling 100 mile a day. Mr Marston was forced to give up marathons when he suffered a knee injury in 2006.

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Hotspot for theft of trucks

Walsall has become a national blackspot for lorry thefts, police revealed, with criminals targeting HGVs, livestock trailers and skip vans and then stripping them for valuable parts.

The rising cost of scrap metal has resulted in an increase in thefts of large good vehicles across the borough in March.

Compared to just one theft for the whole of January and February combined, Walsall and nearby Wednesbury have experienced six attacks in the last four weeks.

Specialist police officers said older, more unusual vehicles were being targeted by the thieves.

Truckpol, a nationwide police and industry intelligence unit, branded Walsall a "hotspot" for the crimes. In January and February, there was only one large good vehicle theft in the borough – a concrete mixer in Leamore Lane.

But on March 1, an N-reg Mercedes truck was stolen in Revival Street, Bloxwich, followed by a livestock lorry in Winterley Lane, Rushall, on the 2nd.

A HGV was taken on March 4 from Coppice Side, Brownhills, followed by another livestock lorry on March 7 from Lichfield Road, Brownhills.

On March 11, a Mercedes box van was taken from Billport Lane in nearby Wednesbury followed by a skip lorry from Northgate Way in Aldridge on the 13th.

Truckpol Det Sgt Sue Coutts said most of the vehicles targeted were older models from between 1992 and 2000.

Anyone with information can contact Det Sgt Coutts on 02476 826246.

Bookies shut in raid

A betting shop in the Black Country was shut following a drugs raid. One woman was arrested when police swooped on the Coral branch in Bradford Street, Walsall.

The 45-year-old was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of drugs and bailed pending further inquiries.

Police have served the bookmakers with a closure notice under the Anti-

Social Behaviour Act 2003. A hearing was due to take place at Walsall Magistrates Court last week.

West Midlands Police spokesman Jo Hunt said: "The warrant was executed at 1.30pm (on March 30) as part of Operation Eliminate, the borough-wide operation to tackle street-level drug dealing."

Stunned punters were searched by officers.

Dog fines plan fails

Controversial plans that would have seen dog walkers who fail to keep their animals on leads in parks fined up to £1,000 have been dropped due to a lack of support. Walsall Council was proposing to make it a criminal offence if people failed to keep dogs on leads and was also considering limiting the number of dogs a person could take into a park. But the tough "dog control orders" scheme has now

been scrapped after animal lovers said they wanted to keep things as they are, following a consultation process. Graham Hood, Walsall Council head of green spaces, said: "In order to obtain the necessary dog control orders the council would need to indicate considerable support for the proposed changes. The consultation indicated there was not sufficient support."

Gallery is facing cash cut

Arts groups across the West Midlands, including The New Art Gallery Walsall, are facing millions of pounds of funding cuts.

Arts Council England unveiled its funding plan for the next four years which will see arts organisations in the Black Country receiving £4.3million from April 2012.

The quango has been ordered to cut £457m over four years nationally. Walsall's New Art Gallery will lose out as funding falls from £941,362 this year to £876,408 in 2011/12 before rising to £919,876 again three years later.

Its director Stephen Snoddy said it was an endorsement in the gallery that it had received cash when times were so hard nationally.

The Arts Council's report into the gallery reads: "The applicant's engagement figures have been increasing steadily over the years and the proposed programme provides evidence that this level of engagement will be maintained and continued through new initiatives increasing active participation with community groups, young people and visually impaired audiences."

Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre will experience a £4,000 cut this year taking it to £48,852 before its funding soars to £114,862 by 2015. West Bromwich-based Black Country Touring, which brings in touring theatre groups, will also get more money, going up from £102,670 in 2011/12 to £149,761 three years later.

Town mayor is up for hire

The Mayor of Walsall is offering his time as part of a fundraising event to collect cash for his chosen charities.

Councillor Gary Clarke has joined with Addison O'Hare solicitors to stage a fun event to boost funds for his charity appeal for Walsall Hospice and disadvantaged children.

Mayor for Hire gives people the opportunity to make a bid to buy an hour or so of the mayor's time – for a minimum pledge of £25 – and he has set aside May 10 to carry out the winning requests.

All requests will be considered by a judging panel and there are just under two weeks left for bids to be submitted.

Councillor Clarke said: "I wanted to end my term on a real high."

Visit walsall.gov.uk/mayorforhire or contact Anne Ward at Addison O'Hare on 01922 725515 for an application form.

How to make wall hangings

Youngsters are invited to make their own wall hangings at Walsall Leather Museum next month.

Workshops will take place at the Littleton Street West venue on April 12 from 10.30am-12.30pm for children aged between five and seven and 1.30-3.30pm for ages eight to 12. Tickets cost £1.50. Book by calling 01922 721153.

Parents and pupils in first taste of college

Students and parents have been introduced to a flavour of what Walsall's new £9.5 million University Technical College is all about at an induction evening.

The college is one of the first of a new breed of schools offering pupils a chance of science and engineering qualifications alongside the national curriculum. It will open at the former Sneyd School site in Vernon Way, Bloxwich, in September. Teenagers, aged between 14 and 19, were invited to main sponsor Walsall College's site in Little-walsallchronicle@expressandstar.co.uk

A change of fortune for estate

The future is looking bright for a Brownhills industrial estate which has seen a turnaround in fortunes after being snipped up by a new owner and receiving a £100,000 facelift.

Walsall-based Gools Estates bought Gatehouse Industrial Estate last year after it went into receivership and has since filled all but one of the 27 units and six compounds at the Lichfield Road site.

Electric security gates, fencing and CCTV have been installed to improve security at the premises close to the site where the Staffordshire Hoard was discovered.

The estate is home to various enterprises, including the award-winning micro-brewery Backyard Brewhouse, pet goods supplier Bow Meows, Middleton Range Services, Cross Transport, Double M and Box & Bitz and Super Premium Foods.

Gools Estates managing director Dominic Gools said: "It's going really well at Gatehouse. We have let almost all of the vacant units after carrying out a programme of refurbishment. There were nine empty units here when we bought it now there's only one remaining."

Gools bought the 3.3 acre industrial and warehouse estate from receivers RSM Tenon for an undisclosed sum last September. Improvements to the site and its close proximity to the M6 Toll have helped to attract new tenants.

Other developments for the property company include plans to create larger business units at its site in Fairground Way near Walsall town centre, aimed at accommodating small firms ready to expand.

That site is also the new home of Pleck Amateur Boxing Club which has been working in partnership with Gools.

Accountancy firm Crowe Clark Whitehill is due to relocate its offices in Walsall and Kidderminster to another Gools' property.

They were there last week for a full briefing on what to expect, and even got to vote on their uniform.

The decision was in favour of a grey suit and grey jumper bearing the crest of the college, known as the UTC, and a black and blue sportswear kit.

Walsall College head, Amarjit Basi, welcomed parents and students with the news that UTC was still on track to open on time.

He said: "You will be the first generation of students to undertake a specialist education in science and engineering. This is going to be very unique and very different."

"This is not just exciting for Walsall, but exciting for the Black Country and Staffordshire."

Buffet

Visitors were taken on a virtual tour of the college before parents were invited to a buffet, and future students taken through basic engineering activities to give them a taste of what they will be learning.

Tiffany Sankey, aged 14, of Delves, Walsall, said: "I decided to go to the UTC because it seems really fun working with engineering and cameras. I'm excited about starting."

Sam Jones, 15, of Aldridge, said: "I want to do something like design, and thinking of ideas for things. I just like designing stuff."

Parents Ian, 37, and Nicola Noakes, 34, of Mossley, were there to see what the college would be like for son Jonathan, 15, who attends Sneyd School which will become UTC.

Ian said: "He doesn't really know what he wants to do, but he knows it's something in the field of IT and design. We are impressed by what we have seen so far. Jonathan is excited about it but it also gets him a bit nervous."



Students showing off the range of uniforms and leisure wear.

Local work at complex

Workers from Walsall will be employed in the creation of a £4.2 million housing complex in Brownhills, contractors say.

Mansell has just been named the chosen contractor for the Walsall Housing Group complex.

A total of 47 two bedroom apartments are being built at the canal-side development, off High Street. Bosses at Mansell said they would

use local labour to support the borough's economy and offer construction training opportunities.

Simon Liversage, who is Mansell's divisional manager of partnership housing in the Midlands and North, said: "We are delighted to be involved in such an important development and to have the opportunity to support the borough. Work is due to be complete in May 2012."

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Postcode lottery on fitness

Obese men are being excluded from flab-fighting classes across Walsall because of a postcode lottery, it has been claimed.

Overweight adults from various parts of the borough are not able to qualify for the Fit for a Fiver health initiative which is being run at Walsall Council leisure centres.

The Fit For A Fiver gym membership scheme is targeted at

men aged over 40. But residents in areas such as WS9 in Walsall Wood are unable to take advantage.

This is despite Oak Park Leisure Centre being part of the initiative.

Other areas not listed as eligible include Aldridge.

Council chiefs insist the scheme has been successful and the areas highlighted for the

offer are to tackle low levels of physical activity.

Aldridge North and Walsall Wood councillor Mike Flower said: "It should be done on a case-by-case basis rather than on a postcode."

"It is a bit of a postal lottery. Councillor Flower added: "This scheme has made progress but there needs to be a fairer scheme in the future."

Homes getting smart

Homes in Darlaston have been fitted with a high-tech security solution which aims to deter would-be burglars.

Local police across Darlaston, Rough Hay and Moxley have been visiting residents and marking their property with the innovative Smart-Water.

The permanent clear liquid can be used to mark all types of property and then shows up under ultraviolet light.

Sgt Jackie Nicholson, of Darlaston police station, said: "Officers across Darlaston have been visiting residents and fitting their property with Smartwater."

"The colourless liquid can be dabbed on to valuables including lead flashing and metal. Once fitted, it cannot be removed."

"We will be checking all found property including metal and lead," Sgt Nicholson added.

Bulldozing centre cost is £200,000

The cost of bulldozing Willenhall's axed leisure centre will be around £200,000.

Campaigners have hit out at the figure and said the cash could have been used to keep Willenhall Leisure Centre open instead.

The Bath Street building closed in August after being identified as one of the borough's least used and most costly centres.

It will now be flattened and the land sold off, with cash from the sale being pumped back into the regeneration of Willenhall.

Councillor Ian Shires, representative for Willenhall North, said: "The money could have been used to explore opportunities for the future of the building."

"There may have been chances to look at business growth and some of these may have been cheaper than just knocking it down. It's premature."

"The council does need to take a more measured look at how it deals with empty public assets, rather than taking the first easy option which is to dispose of an asset like the leisure centre."

But council bosses defended the decision and said taxpayers were shelling out more than the demolition costs to keep the centre open for a year.

Chris Holliday, head of leisure and community health, said: "In 2009/10 Willenhall Leisure Centre cost taxpayers £456,700 a year to operate while generating an annual income of £178,725."

"This therefore means the borough's taxpayers were subsidising the leisure centre to the cost of £277,975 per year."

Mr Holliday said despite changes to the programme and staffing at the centre in April last year, it has still been forecast to cost the council £223,000 per year.

Building start is finalised

Building work on a multi-million pound project to inject life into Walsall and its canalside will start in June.

While Walsall's Waterfront South scheme has been forging ahead, the Waterfront North development has been hit by delays due to the recession.

Bosses at developers Urban Splash say infrastructure for the first phase, a 100-bed hotel, will start this summer.

The Premier Inn hotel will pump £7 million into the town and create 65 jobs.

Whitebread and Urban Splash are working to finalise. John Bates, Premier Inn head of acquisitions, said: "We're looking forward to work starting on site and, beyond that, to opening our new hotel for business."

It will sit between Wolverhampton Street and the town arm of the Walsall Canal, close to the New Art Gallery.

It will include a Table brand restaurant. Eventually, the scheme will also bring offices and commercial space for restaurants and cafe bars.

Helping hospice

Workers at Asda, Bloxwich, collected cash for the day hospice in Lower Farm after support given to a father-of-seven who lost his battle with cancer.

Laurie Whinyates, aged 50, of Coalpool Lane, died of cancer of the oesophagus recently.

Staff at the Bloxwich hospice helped him after he was diagnosed last August.

Staff at Asda, where his daughter, Leanne, works, raised £1,508 in a week after efforts including a raffle for a week's worth of shopping and a tombola with prizes donated by colleagues and customers.

Traders say parking fees hitting custom

Businesses in Walsall are fearing for their future after claiming the introduction of on-street parking fees has left them hundreds of pounds down.

Shopkeepers are calling for a 30-minute parking amnesty to keep customers, with some saying they are now up to £400 a week out of pocket. Spaces in Ablewell Street now regularly stand empty, businesses claim, as drivers are reluctant to pay the 20p per 10 minute charge.

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Conman in gun threat to buy PC

A terrified uncle with a small child was ordered to pay £200 for a non-existent computer by a conman who warned he had a gun and threatened to take the little boy if the sale did not go through, a court heard.

Mohammed Azad was in Walsall town centre with his nephew when conman Anthony Parkes struck even following him around one of the town's shopping centres, the court heard.

He used "over-zealous sales techniques" for more than an hour to try to force the victim into buying the "computer" that was really just a box filled with stones, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Parkes, aged 43, who had previous convictions for dishonesty, tailed Mr Azad round the Old Square shopping centre and even followed the victim and child when they climbed into their parked car, the court heard.

Mr John Edwards, prosecuting, said: "He threatened him saying he had got a gun and warned: 'Don't mess me about or I will shoot you.' He then said that the next time it would be a bomb."

Parkes even suggested he might snatch the boy, the court heard.

He then forced Mr Azad to drive to a cash-point to withdraw money but the victim managed to alert a Pcs.

Mr Gurdeep Garcha, defending Parkes, from Geach Tower, Uxbridge Street, Birmingham, said: "He fully accepts what went on. He has made a criminal career out of being a conman and was trying to pass off stones and bricks as a computer but went far too far."

Parkes admitted the attempted robbery on September 11 and was handed a jail sentence for three years.

Judge Amjad Nawaz told him: "It started out as a con but turned into something more unpleasant."

Nik Papanicodemou, manager of N E Sandwich on the outskirts of the town centre, says he has been badly hit as much of his trade comes from drivers stopping off.

"We used to get between 20-30 customers in cars a day," he said. "Now we see about 10. There is not much passing trade and we do rely on people from outside the walking distance of the town centre."

"If trade carries on like this we will have to consider what we are going to do. I have been here 11 years and never known it this bad. What is wrong with 30 minutes free parking, common sense should prevail."

Namead Khan, of News & Boozie, said takings were down at his shop by between £350-400 a week since the start of March.

Empty

The 24-year-old manager said: "People don't want to come in here and have to pay for 20p."

"When it was free parking there were always people in and out the shop, a lot of the time we are now empty. We are worried it could eventually force us to close."

Sash Reza, who runs the Piccolo Cafe in nearby Goodall Street, added: "The customers are not happy and we are definitely getting less people. We are at least £20-30 down a day."

But Paul Leighton, group leader for traffic management at the council, said: "Traders have previously complained about the lack of parking in Ablewell Street for customers, deliveries and their personal parking."

"The council is trying to manage these competing demands and feels the current arrangements deliver the maximum wider benefit, whilst also contributing to the cost of providing and maintaining parking facilities."

Business is all wrapped up



Neelam Meetcha with some of her gift-wrapped creations

Most people think they can wrap presents – that is until they see former Walsall college lecturer Neelam Meetcha's handiwork.

The 41-year-old mother-of-two has turned her hobby into a career, after jetting off to the Czech Republic to learn how to become a professional wrapper.

Now she is keen to pass on her skills to those who struggle to give that special finishing touch to a gift.

Neelam, who lives in Rosemary Crescent West, Goldthorn Park, Wolverhampton, used to work at Walsall College as a specialist lecturer for deaf students.

She decided on a career change after illness kept her off work and gave her time to think about her options.

Neelam says: "One evening my sisters and I were doing some wrapping at home, having a girl's night in, and it gave me an idea."

"I started researching gift wrapping services and found that there was a gap in the market – this was three years ago and that was when I decided to set up a business."

Neelam, who already ran Crystal Windcreens with her husband Karam Singh, set up All Occasions Gift Wrap in Etingshall Road, Wolverhampton.

On the internet she came across Radka Schlezchuck, whose wrapping got her into the Guinness Book of Records who she persuaded to train her.

Now Neelam helps people set up their own gift-wrapping businesses.

Fresh appeal on phone robberies

Police in Walsall are reappealing for information following two violent mobile phone robberies.

Both took place on March 15 but officers do not believe they are linked.

The first took place at 5pm in Alumwell Road, Alumwell. A 16-year-old boy was approached by four Asian men in a silver Audi A6. One of the passengers got out and asked for his mobile, when he refused, the other three got out and assaulted him, before taking his iPhone and driving off.

The main attacker was aged 20 to 25, 5ft 6in tall with a gold tooth.

The second robbery took place at 10.25pm in Arundel Street, Caldmore. A 19-year-old man was approached from behind by two men who held a six-inch knife to his throat, before stealing his Black-Berry phone. One attacker was an Asian male, in his 20s, around 5ft 11in, skinny, and wearing a black hoodie and a grey scarf across his face and black tracksuit bottoms with white stripes.

The second was a mixed-race man in his late 20s, around 5ft 9in and wearing a dark grey hoody and bottoms.

Jamaican official to visit groups in town

The Jamaican High Commissioner is to visit Walsall to meet business owners and community leaders.

Anthony Johnson will be the guest of Walsall-aid agency Telawny Overseas Relief Association on April 8. His schedule includes a meeting with Mayor of Walsall Councillor Gary Clarke at the Council House, Lichfield Street, followed by a tour of businesses and the Black Sisters Collective, Wednesbury Road. This will be followed by a reception at the African Caribbean Community Association, Wolverhampton Road at 7pm. Mr Johnson, 72, took up the London-based post in May last year after previously being the island's ambassador in the US.

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Mystery of man in flat death

A man has been found dead at a flat at the back of a newsagents in Bloxwich in "unexplained" circumstances, prompting a police investigation.

The 42-year-old man was found dead in the flat, at the back of Rani News newsagents, Lichfield Road, Little Bloxwich, at about 8.30am on March 29. Police cordoned off the area while they spoke to neighbours, and the newsagent's was closed for the day.

The death of the man, thought to be father-of-two Neil Stringer, is being described by police as "unexplained" as officers await the results of a post-mortem.

Rakesh Rani, aged 58, runs the newsagents with his wife, Hamesh, also 58, and started letting the flat to Mr Stringer last year, having known him for 15 years.

Mr Rani, who took over the shop in 1991, met Mr Stringer when he started coming into the shop, and let him stay in the flat after he was divorced.

He said he usually saw him daily, and became suspicious when he did not see him over the weekend. He checked and found his body.

This afternoon acting Det Ch Insp Darren Crutchley said: "The death is still being treated as unexplained and we are waiting the results of a forensic post mortem and toxicology reports. Nobody else is being sought in connection with the death."

24 arrests in drug swoop

Twenty four people have been arrested as part of a police crackdown on drugs in Walsall.

The arrests follow raids across the borough as police tackle those who create misery on the borough's streets.

Twenty people have been arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to supply controlled drugs and 16 have been charged and remanded in custody.

A 44-year-old woman was due to appear before Walsall Magistrates Court on four charges of being concerned in the supply of class A drugs.

The woman was arrested in Poplar Close, Bentley as part of Operation Eliminate.

A 52-year-old woman arrested in Walsall and was also charged with conspiracy to supply and bailed to appear before Magistrates.

A 51-year-old man arrested at the same time is still in custody helping police with inquiries.

A 32-year-old man from Palfrey who was arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to supply, has been bailed while further inquiries take place.

Weekly jogging

Weekly jogging sessions are taking place across Walsall. Jog Walsall is aimed at people who want to get back into exercise and improve their fitness levels by encouraging them to progress from walking. For details of where jogs are taking place call Sport and Leisure Development Services on 01922 605500.

Authors at libraries

Several authors will be visiting libraries in Walsall in May.

Beryl Kingston will be discussing her new novel *Girl on the Orlop Deck* at Pleck Library, Darlaston Road, on May 4 from 10-11am. Author of *The Absolutist*, John Boyne will be at Walsall Central Library, Lichfield Street, on May 18 from 2-3pm.

Streety Library will be visited by Marina Oliver, who has written more

than 50 books, on May 20 will be at the Blackwood Road library from 2.15 - 3.15pm. Anne Bennett will speak about her book *Keep the Home Fires Burning* at Brownhills Library, Chester Road North, on May 24 from 2.30-3.30pm. On May 25, Gaynor Arnold will visit Walsall Central Library from 2-3pm. Rosie Goodwin will be at Pheasey Library, Collingwood Drive, on May 27.

Centre takeover date

The new operator of an outdoor activities centre used by thousands of Walsall schoolchildren will take charge on May 4.

Leisure enterprise Widehorizons will officially run Bryntysilio in Llangollen, Wales, after stepping in to save it from closure after Walsall Council withdrew £500,000 annual funding. The site is still owned by School Holiday Camp Fund of

Walsall. An appeal has now been launched for businesses, residents and community groups to support efforts to spruce up the listed property. Widehorizons is a charitable trust which runs five other outdoor centres.

Schools and other groups can book by calling 01978 860454.

To offer support email bryntysilio@live.co.uk.

Thieves pose as officials

Two thieves tricked their way into the home of an 81-year-old Aldridge woman by posing as water officials.

The men, in their late teens, claimed they were water officials and said they needed to check the supply to her house.

One of the men distracted the woman by asking her to check her supply, while the other searched the property at about 9.15am on March 29 and stole £160.

Police are re-iterating their message that the "water board" does not exist, and are urging householders not to speak to doorstep callers who have no ID.

Joanne Hunt, spokeswoman for Walsall Police, said: "We again urge people to be cautious when opening the door to strangers or unexpected callers."

"Anyone working in an official and legitimate capacity will have proper identification from the organisation they represent and would be willing to show this when calling at your home."

The 81-year-old woman was the latest victim in a string of at least 15 distraction burglaries since the beginning of the year.

Police are even organising a "trickster awareness event" to help pensioners in Brownhills, Pelsall, Rushall and Sheffield - areas which have been particularly plagued by distraction burglaries. Anyone with information about the latest burglary should call 0345 113 5000.

Appeal over race attacks

Police have launched a fresh appeal for information following a series of racially motivated attacks in Walsall.

Three people were victims of racist attacks by a group in the Coalpool area between 5.20pm and 6.50pm on March 14.

A 42-year-old man in Rutland Street was subjected to verbal abuse at around 5.20pm, while an hour later two women aged 29 and 31, on Derby Street and Essex Street, were also subject to verbal abuse and both were spat at by one of the group.

It is believed the racists were part of a group of youngsters who were around 15 to 16 years old.

Police said some people had come forward with information but more help was needed.

Anyone with information should call Pc Jim Nixon or the Coalpool neighbourhood police team on 0345 113 5000.

Golf club staging St George's bash

Walsall Golf Club is to host a 1940s-themed evening to celebrate St George's Day from 7pm on April 23.

It will feature an indoor street party, a 1940s-themed buffet including spam fritters and corned beef hash and music from the period.

Guests will only be allowed into the 104-year-old venue, which is on The Broadway, if they are wearing 1940s costume or red and white to celebrate England's patron saint. Visit www.walsallgolfclub.co.uk

Mother-of-three died from complications



Louisa Cattell

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A mother-of-three died of complications weeks after losing her unborn baby at Walsall Manor Hospital, an inquest heard.

Louisa Cattell was eight days overdue when she had a stillborn baby on January 19, 2009 at the hospital. Walsall Coroner's Court was told last week that 32-year-old Miss Cattell, of Awlmakers Grove, Leamore, was sent home but readmitted hours later with abdominal pain.

She was diagnosed with septicemia and a fungal infection and associated conditions that resulted in organ failure. She died on March 5, 2009.

Her pregnancy had been treated as "high risk" after a previous miscarriage and an emergency caesarean to deliver her third child Natasha Fitzgerald, four.

The inquest heard the foetus had not been growing properly after 35 weeks and the hospital could have intervened on a number of occasions.

Miss Cattell, who was also mother to Nathan Fitzgerald, 11 and Daniel Fitzgerald, nine, was seen by a junior doctor on January 13, 2009, but growth records were not consulted.

Giving evidence, Professor Christopher Balogun-Lynch, consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist surgeon, said if the impaired growth had been raised as an issue, Miss Cattell would have been admitted to hospital immediately to have the baby.

Foetus

Coroner Robin Balmain said Miss Cattell died as a result of complications arising from the still birth.

He said: "Before Christmas and certainly by December 23, 2008 it was clear the foetus was not developing as expected."

"On January 13, 2009, there was an opportunity to intervene. Miss Cattell was seen by a junior doctor and she referred matters to a registrar."

"At that stage the records, in particular the growth records, were not consulted."

An investigation was carried out by the hospital following Miss Cattell's death and an apology was issued to her family.

Her father Mick Cattell, 60, of Foster Street, said: "We don't know if things would have been different but more checks should have been carried out."

Stocking up for royal day



Store manager of 99p store in Walsall Marcin Falat with the commemorative stock.

Royal wedding souvenirs from cushions and flags to mugs and sweets are hitting the shelves of shops in the region.

Merchandise for the marriage of Prince William and Kate Middleton on April 29 is available at 99p Stores in Walsall's Old Square Shopping Centre.

A range of flags, bunting, customised Fox's sweets, mugs, cushions and shopping bags are on sale.

Commercial director Hussein Lalani said 500,000 pieces of commemorative royal wedding stock had been ordered into the company's 139

UK branches. Another discount store Poundland is stocking a range of 18 different products called The Big Event, including partyware in a red, white and blue theme.

Hannah Dudek, spokeswoman for Poundland, said: "We expect the range to sell very well. We offered similar products for the World Cup last year which sold incredibly well so we know we are offering a range that our customers will love."

Discount superstore Hootyons, on the Longacres Industrial Estate, Willenhall, is also selling commemorative stock.

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Superstore builders are urged to get going

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Bosses behind two new multi-million pound superstores in Walsall town centre are being urged to get building as soon as possible to revive flagging trade.

Work on Co-op and Primark could start in 12 months' time as part of the £21 million overhaul of the Old Square Shopping Centre.

Bosses said they were asked to move as quickly as possible to revive trade after Tesco left the complex. It also emerged that the Old Square has future plans to bring in other stores as well as cafes, restaurants and offices.

Planning applications for Primark and Co-op stores, creating 160 jobs, are set to go in next month and the stores hope to open by the end of 2013 after construction starts in March 2012.

Potential

Architect James Skaines, of Newark firm Benoy, said views of the public would be considered before plans went in. He said: "The developer is looking at other potential tenants and considering options."

"It will create a new part of Walsall which before was in decline. Most people are asking how quick can you get it done."

David Graham, of Indigo Planning, added: "Tesco brought a lot of people here, but it has now relocated. Hopefully Primark will do the same which can only be a good thing for the retailers around here."

Primark is to move into a 30,000 sq ft store, with the entrance in Digbeth. The Co-op will move to a store to be built on the former Tesco site on The Bridge.

It will be phase one of a £21 million revamp of the shopping centre. Further phases, to bring in other retailers and businesses such as cafes, restaurants and offices, are already being considered.

Consultation events were held in the Old Square on Friday and Saturday asking traders and shoppers for views. Mother-of-one Zoe Smith, aged 22, of Tantarra Street, Walsall, said: "I'm looking forward to Primark opening. It's hard to keep travelling to get to the one in Wolverhampton."

"There will be lots of new jobs for people as well. I would like to see toy shops and maybe a cinema here too, some leisure activities for the kids."

Fans queue for X Factor's Mary



Dozens of fans line up at the store to meet singer Mary Byrne.

X Factor contestant and former supermarket worker Mary Byrne was back behind the till at Tesco when she visited Walsall to meet fans.

The singer, who was among the most popular entrants in the ITV talent show last year, joked with fans as she sat at a till and then signed copies of her first album Mine & Yours at Tesco in St Paul's Street, last week.

She worked as a checkout operator for the supermarket for 11 years in Ballyfermont, Northern Ireland before successfully auditioning for X Factor.

The 50-year-old has kept busy since making it to the semi-finals of the hit series won by Matt Cardle.

"It's just been a whirlwind of making the album, doing the tour," she said. "It's been work, work, work, but it's been fantastic. This time last year I was at home perhaps getting ready to go work on the tills. I hadn't decided whether to go for X Factor." She was full of praise for her mentor on the show Louis Walsh, who she said was already organising songs for a follow-up album, and said she is looking forward to watching star judge Simon Cowell's new US series.

"I love Simon Cowell," she said. "He's a nice, nice man. Off stage he is a lot of fun,



Mary at Tesco, Walsall

very attractive. He is a very good man. He's looked after me big time."

Mary also said she was looking forward to perform with Neil Diamond at Ireland's 45,000-seater Viva Stadium on June 25. Student Rebecca McDonough, 17, of St Mark's Road, Brownhills said: "I'm a big Mary fan. She's an inspiration. My favourite is You Don't Have to Say You Love Me. I can't believe I'm getting a chance to meet her."

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Four masked raiders in post office robbery

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Four masked raiders robbed a Walsall post office, stealing cash and escaping in a getaway car.

The robbers, in balaclavas struck at Moxley Post Office at 10.15am on March 29 while a fifth gang member stayed at the wheel of a blue car.

They smashed the screen inside the shop and stole cash. It is thought the postmaster may have been injured in the attack.

Police set up a cordon around the Roberts Shopshop and were questioned witnesses.

Joan Hinton, aged 76, from Moxley, was in the post office at the time.

She said: "They came in and started shouting, so I ran out and went into the shop next door. I'm not sure what happened after that."

Banging

"It was a big shock, I have never seen anything like it before. You just don't expect anything like that."

Marie Price, aged 37, who lives in a flat above the row of shops, said: "I heard some banging and thought it didn't sound right. I looked outside the window and there was a car with the passenger door open."

"There were four men who came running out and jumped into the car with a bag, and sped off."

"The shopkeeper was shaken up."

Paramedics were called and a man, believed to be the postmaster, was treated for minor cuts to his hands.

Joanne Hunt, spokeswoman for Walsall Police, said: "Four offenders wearing balaclavas went into the shop and a fifth offender was driving a vehicle."

"They entered the post office with some kind of weapon. They smashed the screen inside the shop and stole cash before escaping in a blue vehicle."

Anyone with information is asked to call Walsall Police on 0345 113 5000.

Here is the good news for reserve



Countryside ranger Morgan Bowers goes on the hunt for Great Crested Newts.

Rare Great Crested Newts have been found at a Walsall local nature reserve.

Countryside rangers at Pelsall North Common said they were thrilled after they were found during a night-time survey of wildlife. Although one of the largest newt species in the country, numbers of Great

Crested Newts have dwindled recently largely due to destruction of their habitat.

They are identified by bright orange bellies with dark spots. Morgan Bowers, Walsall Council senior countryside ranger, said: "This is a really exciting discovery for us as all Great Crested Newts are so rare."

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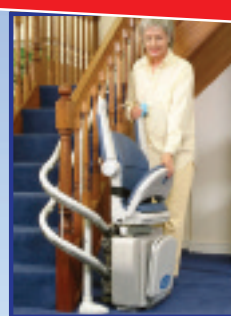
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Left to right, Teresa Whitehouse, Leandra Ewen and Sharon Donaldson celebrate winning their Life Long Learning Award

Award winners

Members of community project in Walsall have received an outstanding achievement award after beating a life of drug abuse.

Teresa Whitehouse, Leandra Ewen, Sharon Donaldson and Emma Edwards, from The Manor Women's Project, were presented with the Walsall Adult and Community College - learning in the community award, at the Walsall Lifelong Learning Alliance ceremony.

Bagging their fourth accolade in seven years, the 17 bed residential unit was set up for women exiting substance misuse, eight years ago.

Leandra Ewen, aged 29, who has been at the unit for 18 months, said the Manor had given her a second chance in life after helping her overcome a £150 a day drug habit. "Before coming to the unit I was leading a horrible lifestyle and I honestly believe if I'd carried on I would have ended up dead or in prison."

Alison Cattell, director of the Manor Project, said: "We are so proud of our girls, substance misuse is a massive problem in the world but we are proving here at the Manor Project time and time again that with the right help and support people can beat their drug habit for life."

Fire tragedy family say thanks to neighbours

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The devastated family of a man killed in a house fire in Walsall have thanked the neighbours who desperately tried to help on the day of the blaze.

Relatives of 46-year-old Carlos Vilela, said without the efforts of residents, other people may not have survived.

The senior police officer in the case said it had been a "difficult investigation" that had deeply affected family members, the wider community and even his own officers who have been carrying out inquiries into the tragedy.

Detective Inspector Andy Hawkins, from Walsall police, said: "This tragic event has clearly devastated the family, and has had a significant effect on the community around them."

"This has been a difficult investigation and none of us can fail to be moved by these events."

"The family, at this early stage, would like to thank all of the emergency services and their neighbours for all their help and support. I would like to join the family, by extending my personal thanks, in particular, to those public spirited neighbours, who stepped forward and helped save lives."

A 21-year-old woman who suffered smoke inhalation has been discharged from hospital. Neighbours rallied round at the time of the fire, after hearing screams and breaking glass.

Georgina Furtado Vilela, aged 45, has been charged with murder and arson recklessly endangering life in relation to four people in the house and nine others in Pleck Road. Originally from Guinea Bissau, west Africa, she appeared at Walsall Magistrates Court last week and was remanded in custody.

Three other people, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, were also hurt. Two are in hospital.

Good hair day for Christine

A Walsall hair salon has celebrated being at the cutting edge for 25 years.

Christine Coyne, who launched Christine's Hair Artiste in Lichfield Street in 1986, invited her clients to enjoy a glass of wine, hot drinks and cake at the salon at the weekend.

The 49-year-old, of Woodside Way, Aldridge, has been hairdressing for 30 years and took over the salon from previous owner Jayne Ready after working there for a year.

The mother-of-three said: "We have between 100 and 200 clients and they have been very loyal."

"I've made a lot of friends here. We want to have a drink with them. Our clients say they come for the entertainment rather than the hair-dressing! People leave with the feel-good factor."

The salon has four staff.



Staff Yvonne Baker, Linda Ruston, Sue Edwards and owner Christine Coyne

60 youngsters wanted for new modelling event

Sixty youngsters from Walsall are preparing to strut their stuff when they meet a world-famous former supermodel as part of a project. The More than just a Model campaign, which helps 16 to 25 year olds see their full potential, is fronted by Jada Collins.

Easter fun day planned

Walsall RSPCA will be hosting a fundraising Easter fun day.

Hook-a-duck, home-made cakes and an Easter bonnet parade will be among the treats on offer at Pelsall Community Centre, Station Road, Pelsall, from 11am to 2pm on April 16. All proceeds will go to the RSPCA.

Church is 170

A Walsall church is marking its 170th anniversary with a visit from the Bishop of Wolverhampton. St Peter's in Stafford Street, was consecrated on April 14 1841. To mark this there will be a Service of Celebration on Thursday April 14 at 7.30pm open to all.

The four week programme put together by Council for Living is the first of its kind in the UK.

At the end of the programme, entrants will take to the catwalk at a three-night event, from July 1, at Walsall Town Hall.

For information call 0845 280 3222 or email contact@council4living.org.com.

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Traders can stay on market pitch

Traders will remain on the former Darlaston Market pitch after being granted street licences.

The former market was axed under Walsall Council cost-cutting aimed to save more than £20,000 a year but two mobile unit operators agreed to continue in King Street to maintain street trade on Friday and Saturdays.

Robert Cooper, of Coopers Family Butchers said they had notification they

were accepted and can continue. Mr Cooper, at the market for more than 20 years, said: "We are very pleased and so are the people of Darlaston. It is only two traders so it is not really a market but it is a continuation of trade."

"It is a big pity about the market going but we are happy we can continue to trade and support the people of Darlaston."

Darlaston Market was at the heart of the district for 40 years.

It emerged last winter it faced the axe and stallholders were offered alternative pitches.

Council chiefs said they had been in talks with private operators but nobody had come forward to take on running the stalls.

Bosses revealed income from the market had fallen by 12 per cent on the last year and it is only expected to bring in £7,000 by the end of the year.

MP hits out over care bill

A Walsall MP has spoken out against the controversial Health and Social Care Bill, saying it could result in chaos and incompetence.

The Bill, going through Parliament, will see the NHS replaced by a service in which private companies compete and the Government "finances but does not provide healthcare".

But Walsall South MP Valerie Vaz is against the idea. She said: "There has been a great deal of confusion about the Health and Social Care Bill. The Prime Minister and Health Secretary should clarify what the changes will mean."

Searching for family

The family of a woman found dead in Walsall are being asked to come forward by coroners.

Valerie Fletcher, aged 55, of Bloxwich Road, Walsall, was found dead on March 16.

It is believed she had two daughters and a son. Relatives or anyone with information can call the Coroner's Office on 0845 352 7480.

Family in tribute to smiling baby TJ

The heartbroken family of a two-year-old Darlaston boy who had been poorly since birth has paid tribute to the youngster they have described as always happy with a beaming smile.

Terence Jeffrey Smith, known as TJ, died on March 3 at Birmingham Children's Hospital following a battle with illness.

His mother Kayleigh Garrington, aged 25, of Crawford Avenue, Rough Hay said despite being a quadriplegic, registered deaf and blind, and suffering from epilepsy, TJ's smile had lit up their lives.

TJ fell ill shortly after birth in August 2008 with breathing difficulties and was later diagnosed with meningitis which left him with a catalogue of health problems.

He was named after his grandfather Jeffrey Terence Garrington, who died two weeks before



Tragic TJ Smith

TJ was born. Miss Garrington said: "Just to have had TJ with us for almost three years has been a blessing because we could have lost him earlier with all the problems he had. We'll miss him terribly."

"Because he was disabled our lives revolved round his care and the many appointments he had to attend."

"We had to make sure he had his exercise and stretching ses-

sions to help stimulate him. And he was in and out of hospital a lot."

"He was always happy. We never knew what he was smiling and laughing at, but he never moaned once."

He died just days after the family, who attend the town's St Lawrence's Church, was told he had qualified for hearing implants to improve his quality of life.

The youngster was taken into Manor Hospital after suffering a fit and was transferred to Birmingham Children's Hospital, but his condition deteriorated and he suffered liver failure despite efforts of the staff to save him.

An inquest is due to be held. TJ also leaves dad Chris Smith, 25, sisters Abbie-Louise, six, Jamieleigh, three, grandmother Heather Garrington, 46, and other relatives. Twelve months ago his great-grandfather Norman Townsend died, 76.

The funeral was held at St Lawrence's, Church Street, last Wednesday.

It was due to be led by lay reader Keith Miller.

Police raid on drug factory

A cannabis factory was found during a police raid in Walsall. A 43-year-old woman was arrested at the home in Poplar Road, Bentley, on suspicion of supplying controlled drugs. Officers removed several plants from the loft of the address on March 29.

Arboretum walk is back

The popular Walsall Arboretum Evening Walk is returning from April 21 until August 18.

The walks will take place on Thursdays and anyone who wants to enjoy the park should meet at the centre green for 7pm.

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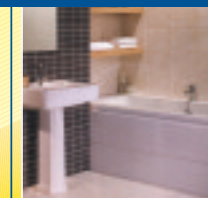
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Speed cut bid hit by objections

Moves to cut the speed limit along a main Walsall route hit by a series of accidents could be scuppered by objections. A 30mph restriction has been proposed along Sutton Road instead of the current 40mph limit.

But complaints have been lodged about the plan for the busy route between Walsall and Pheasey. A Watchman sign which flashes up drivers' registration numbers when caught speeding is still being installed near to Longwood Lane although it is yet to be switched on.

If objections remain, the plan will need to be debated at a formal meeting. Glyn Oliver, service manager for engineering and transportation at Walsall

Council said: "The advertised traffic regulation orders for the speed reductions have received a small number of objections. "We are attempting to resolve the objections but if these are not withdrawn we will have to report to the relevant committee for determination."

"We are still waiting for the connection of the electricity supply by E.ON to the Watchman sign."

Roads across the borough have been earmarked for lower speeds to improve safety following a review by council chiefs. Norton Road, Pelsall is expected to be dropped from the national speed limit to 40mph. It is also hoped to cut speeds on stretches of Wolverhampton Road

between the M6 and the town centre, and Bosty Lane, Aldridge by reducing the 40mph limit to 30mph.

Residents in Sutton Road have long campaigned for a lower speed limit after a series of accidents.

The Watchman will be the fifth sign introduced by Walsall Council, which is one of the few authorities in the UK pioneering the technology.

A sensor placed on a pole detects drivers' speed limits, and anyone going too fast has their registration number displayed on a sign by the roadside.

Following their introduction along the Broadway it led to nearby speed cameras being activated 73 per cent less.

Pianist plea for services

Parishioners at a Walsall church have launched a desperate appeal to find an organist or pianist.

Blakenall United Reformed Church has been without a regular musician. They are calling for someone to come forward to play at the church in Blakenall Lane on a regular basis.

Anyone who wants to play should call Councilor Kath Phillips on 01922 479949.

Lunch club for over50s

A new luncheon club offering darts, bingo and computer games to the over-50s is due to open this week.

Darlaston All Active Centre, Willenhall Road, will launch the club on April 7. It will take place every Thursday from 11am to 2pm. A two-course meal will be offered for £4.20.

Engineering firm moving its operations

An engineering group is moving its base to Walsall and building two new factories in Brownhills which will mean nearly 20 new jobs for the area, with a promise of more on the way.

European Industrial Group (EIG) is moving its European Steelcraft operation from Stanton, Derbyshire, to the site at Maybrook Road which is the base of sister company Heathyards Engineering, a specialist pipe bending and fabrication business heavily involved in making pressure vessels for the power industry.

The three acre site will be used to build two new factory units totalling approximately 42,500 square feet for Heathyards and European Steelcraft.

Steelcraft is an engineering company specialising in high integrity welding techniques used in the power industry. Nine staff are transferring to the new site from Derbyshire, and the company aims to recruit seven more staff in the first 12 months.

At Heathyards 35 staff will move in to the new factory when it is completed, expanding to 39 in the first year. Building work is expected to be



From left: Heathyards Engineering managing director Barry Nash, KLH Business Consultancy Group project manager Andy Holmes, Keelys Solicitors partner James Chisholm, Heathyards Engineering technical director Arran Nash and operations director Craig Nash.

complete by September, with both factories operational by the end of October or early November. EIG said there were plans for further growth and employment at the site over the next few years.

Barry Nash, managing director of Heathyards Engineering, said: "This is a really exciting project which will enable both Heathyards and European Steelcraft to fulfil the growing demand for their

services as well as generate new employment opportunities in the area. The new factory units will enable the companies to deal with much larger projects than is currently possible."

The property deal was handled for EIG by James Chisholm, real estate partner at Lichfield law firm Keelys, under which a special purpose vehicle, Keellex 337 Limited, acquired the land.

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Boer War artwork is donated to museum

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Artwork thought to have been crafted from a military uniform during the second Boer War has been handed over to the Staffordshire Regiment Museum.

Walsall grandmother June Miller gave the artefact to the Lichfield museum last week. It is thought to have been made as a greeting card by her great-grandfather Simeon Williams.

He served in the First Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment during the war fought in South Africa between 1899 and 1902. Ms Miller, aged 61, of Sutton Road, acquired the artefact more than 30 years ago after the death of her grandmother Tabitha Williams, who lived in Leamore.

The artwork bears two union flags, the dates of the second Boer War and an inscribed message, which also says it is made from the soldier's "tattered" and "worn" khaki drill coat.

Staff at the museum, based next to the Whittington Barracks, said it was the first piece of art they had seen from the second Boer War - which was fought between Dutch-speaking settlers and soldiers from the British Empire.

Ms Miller said: "My grandmother died in 1975 and I found it in her belongings. It was folded up inside a box. I was talking about it with a friend and he thought the museum would be interested in having it." She added she never knew her great-grandfather. Assistant curator Willie Turner said it was an interesting addition to the museum.



June Miller from Walsall donates a card from a family member written on a panel of a khaki jacket.



A close-up of the Boer War card on the tunic.

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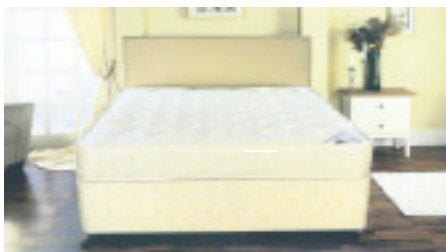
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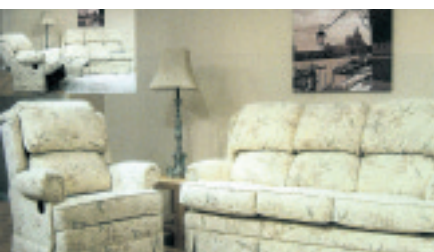
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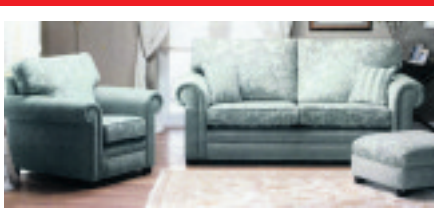
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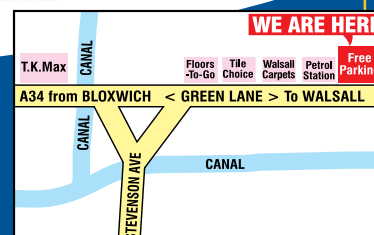
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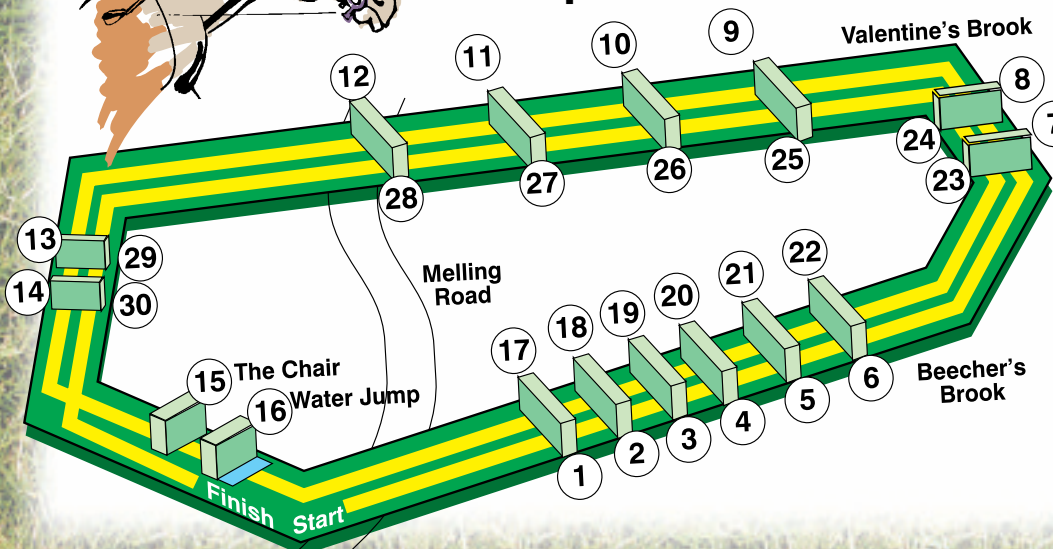
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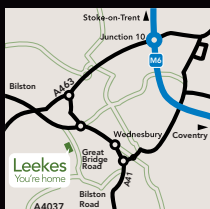


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Arboretum boating to be back in two years

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Boating, canoeing and kayaking are set to be introduced on the lake at Walsall Arboretum within two years, council bosses say.

They said groups would be able to pre-book sessions on the 13-metre deep lake under the supervision of instructors from the council's sports and leisure department.

It will be the first time such activities have taken place at the site since the 1996 death of 15-year-old Surinder Singh Somal, who suffered heart failure after falling into the icy water when the boat he was in flipped over.

Walsall Council said bringing watersports back to the Arboretum would complement the activities already taking place at Sneyd Reservoir in Bloxwich.

The new activities are set to come into force at the Arboretum in early mid 2013 as part of the £7.5 million revamp of the park.

Broaden

Chris Holliday, head of leisure and community health, said: "The council already operates a watersports facility at Sneyd Reservoir specialising in the provision of sailing for individuals with special needs. Our intention has always been to broaden their sailing opportunities and using the Hatherton Lake in the Arboretum will give us this opportunity."

"We will be looking into the possibility of allowing pre-booked organised groups to use the lake under the supervision of sport and leisure's outdoor education service."

"Work to transform the park with the help of a heritage lottery fund grant is in the very early stages with the overall project not due to be completed until early/mid 2013."

"Bringing the lake into use for watersports is something we are looking at introducing alongside this project and we will be working to the same timescales."

The return of boating and summer cruises and the introduction of watersports will coincide with the restoration of the landmark Grade II-listed boat-house. Council bosses are considering putting changing rooms in the new visitors centre to cater for the activities.

The Arboretum revamp includes new trees and extensive repairs. The landmark is to be restored, the Lakeside cafeteria is being converted into a shelter and the former lido/cafeteria into a clubhouse for the ladies bowls club. More than 250 trees have now been cut down at the park ahead of the multi-million pound transformation.

Beauty of a change for salon



Back, deputy mayor Garry Perry with Gemini Health & Beauty Centre owners Debbie Adams and Katy Fleming and front, saxophone player Simon Garcia.

A Pelsall beauty salon that opened more than a decade ago has been transformed into a luxury day spa and will create new jobs.

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Owners Debbie Adams and Katy Fleming started the business 12 years ago, having met at the gym, and said they could not believe how much it had grown.

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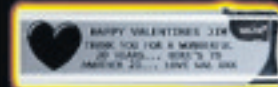
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Drink driver flips over borrowed car

A drink-driver from Walsall, who flipped over a borrowed car leaving it wedged between a garden wall and a lamp post, has been locked up for eight weeks.

Steven Narwain, aged 19, downed four glasses of vodka at a party before leaving in a car to buy more alcohol, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Mr Paul Reid, prosecuting, said it was on the way back he lost control. He was driving a car belonging to the father of a friend and, as he drove round a traffic island, he hit the kerb and the vehicle overturned.

Narwain, of Calthorpe Road, Park Hall, admitted driving carelessly, while disqualified, with excess alcohol and without insurance. He was further banned from the roads for three years.

Mr Harpreet Sandhu, defending, said Narwain had been disowned by his family. "He knows he has to put this kind of behaviour behind him," he added. "The accident was the result of a momentary lapse in concentration that had been fuelled by alcohol."

Recorder Rachel Dean said it was "pure luck" no-one had been seriously injured in the crash.

Wartime tunes aim to pull in the notes

A band has launched its CD of wartime favourites this week and plans to sell them to raise cash for the Help For Heroes charity.

Bert Firman's Memorial Band recorded songs like The Last Post, We'll Meet Again and That Lovely Weekend nine years ago.

But now the 13 members intend to market their Last Post CDs on ebay with proceeds going to the charity.

The idea was inspired by Bert Firman, who led bands in the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s and also entertained war troops.

Band member and trumpet player Peter March, aged 65, of Persehouse Street, Walsall, said: "He was a good friend of mine. He wanted to help the servicemen who suffered battle trauma."

"The Bert Firman's Memorial Band was formed with a view to him conducting it, but before he got chance he died in 1999, aged 92. We want to carry out his desire."

"I've got 30 CDs. I'm hopeful that when they are sold we will be able to buy the equipment so the heroes can make the CDs and sell some themselves."



Trumpet player Peter March who is launching a charity CD for Help for Heroes.

Man is jailed for breach of order

A burglar has been jailed for 12 weeks after he failed to complete community punishment.

Leon McTaggart, aged 25, was previously ordered to carry out 100 hours unpaid work in the community and given a 12-week curfew for burglary at Wheat's garden centre, Chester Road, Aldridge in July last year.

Representing the Probation Service, Mrs Lesley Ford told Walsall Magistrates it was the second time McTaggart of Lord Street, Palfrey, breached the order. She said an extra 10 hours were added in February, because he was not complying. But he was arrested after it emerged he had done just 44 hours and had refused to complete the rest.

He was charged with burglary in September after DNA from fresh blood found on broken glass at the garden centre linked him to the break-in.

Mr Nayan Patel, defending, told the court McTaggart had completed the curfew element but suffered from depression which was the cause of some of his problems.

School's IT award

A secondary school in Walsall has won the prestigious ICT Mark award.

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DONNA HUBBARD
Founder

We asked Donna Hubbard (Gymophobics founder) to explain their amazing success:

Donna: "Ladies love Gymophobics because of the very fast inch and weight loss, but there are many other reasons for its popularity. Most women find Gyms intimidating, so I have made Gymophobics a friendly, social and all female environment. Most Gyms are very impersonal, but Gymophobics has a caring approach that makes every lady feel special."

Who uses Gymophobics?

Donna: "Basically, women who don't want to spend hours in the Gym and want some TLC and attention while they exercise. Our ladies range from 14 years to 80 plus at Gymophobics and most have never used a Gym before. If you feel unfit or overweight, a conventional Gym can be quite scary, with very little attention and no emphasis on results. At Gymophobics however, we are obsessed with results and it shows!"

Tell us about the results

Donna: "Most women lose a dress size in the first few weeks and go on to achieve the ideal weight and measurements for their height and frame size. **RESISTED TENSION** is focused on the client's goals so inch loss is always from problem areas. Our programme is particularly good at lifting the bust, flattening the tummy, trimming inches from the waist, hips and thighs and firming flabby areas like the back of the arms."

How easy is Gymophobics?

Donna: "Our specially designed air Machines make exercise feel as if you are pushing or pulling against a cushion of air. Ladies love the fact that there are no clanking weights, no pounding treadmills or heart-stopping fitness classes. In just 30 minutes the whole body is exercised - ideal for ladies with a busy lifestyle! All visits are by appointment so there is no waiting around at Gymophobics either."

Is it expensive?

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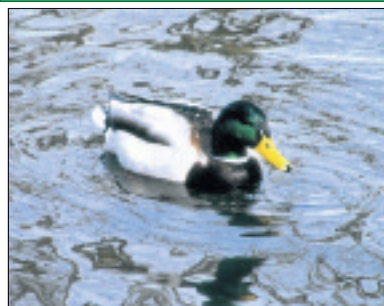


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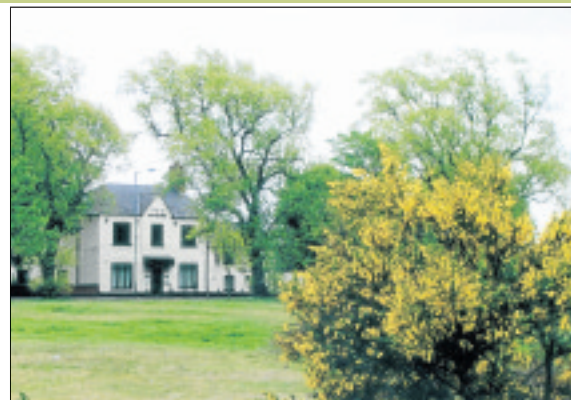


A gaggle of geese down on the farm.

This week's pictures come from Mr Norman Burton of Walsall who has something of a wildfowl theme going as he has gone around the borough taking snaps of the local birdlife.



A mallard duck on Pelsall Common.



The Old Bush pub and restaurant, Pelsall.



St Michael's which is Pelsall's parish church.

Snaps of life in the borough

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A family of swans on the lake at Pelsall Common.

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CSI: NY

Channel 5, 9.10pm

The team investigates a series of shootings at a nightclub, where a bartender and two patrons were executed by a hit-man, who then proceeded to kidnap a fourth victim. Hawes is stunned when the abducted woman is revealed to be Camille Jordanson, a childhood friend who has become embroiled in a messy counterfeit pill scheme, and seems to have made a few enemies in the criminal underworld. Guest starring singer Ne-Yo, alongside Gary Sinise, Sela Ward, Carmine Giovinazzo, Anna Belknap, AJ Buckley, Hill Harper, Eddie Cahill, Lesley Ann Brandt and Brandon Scott.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 8.00 Formula 1: The Malaysian Grand Prix - Qualifying. Live coverage of the battle for pole position. 10.15 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Great British Menu. (R) 12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 The Grand National. 5.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.30 All New Total Wipeout: Celebrity Special.

6.30 So You Think You Can Dance. The remaining dancers try to impress at Choreography Camp, before judges Nigel Lythgoe, Ariane Phillips, Louise Redknapp and Sisco Gomez reveal who will appear in the live shows.

7.30 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune. Two workmates take part in the high-tension quiz show presented by Nick Knowles in which contestants have the opportunity to win £100,000.

8.20 Casualty. Jay struggles to cope with work as he returns from his operation.

9.10 Live at the Apollo. With Michael McIntyre, Rich Hall and Rhod Gilbert. (R)

9.55 BBC News; Weather. 10.15 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Manchester United v Fulham; National Lottery Update.

11.35 The Football League Show; Weatherview. 1.00 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 11.30 Golf: The Masters. 12.30 The Sky at Night. (R) 12.50 Film: Space Camp. (1986) Children's sci-fi adventure, starring Kate Capshaw. 2.30 Flog It! 3.30 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.30 Final Score. 5.15 The Big Flutter: The Grand National on Film. 5.45 Coast. (R)

6.00 Dad's Army. The platoon helps a lady farmer. (R)

6.30 Highlights from the Lambing Shed. Kate Humble and Adam Henson present a look back over the week of Lambing Live, tracing the highs and lows of the season with the Marston family in Cumbria. Last in the series.

7.30 Goldie's Band: By Royal Appointment. The group finishes weeks of intensive masterclasses and musical workshops with a performance at Buckingham Palace in the presence of Prince Harry. Last in the series.

8.30 Live Golf: The Masters. Hazel Irvine introduces coverage of the third day from the Augusta National in Georgia, where the first Major of the year continues. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

12.00 Grand National Re-Run. 12.30 Later with Jools Holland. (R) 1.35 Film: Between. (2005) Thriller, with Poppy Montgomery.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 9.25 Coronation Street. 11.45 This Morning: Saturday. 12.50 Monk. 1.50 ITV News; Weather. 2.05 You've Been Framed! (R) 2.35 Film: Catwoman. (2004) Superhero adventure, starring Halle Berry. 4.30 The Nation's Favourite Abba Song. The group's most popular hits, as voted for by the British public. (R)

6.00 Regional Programmes. 6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 New You've Been Framed! Featuring a lizard with an attitude problem.

7.00 FILM: Mamma Mia! (2008) Premiere. A bride asks three of her mother's old flames to her wedding to learn which one is her father. Musical comedy featuring Abba songs, with Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan.

9.10 When Piers Met Andrew Lloyd Webber. The award-winning composer talks at his villa in Majorca about his private life and coming to terms with cancer, and Piers Morgan also follows him at work in London's West End.

10.10 ITV News; Weather. 10.25 FILM: Knocked Up. (2007) Romantic comedy, starring Seth Rogen, Katherine Heigl and Paul Rudd.

12.45 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.50 Swingtown. (R) 3.35 ITV Newsnight. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 The Track and Field Show. (R) 7.25 The Grid. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.50 T4: Friends. (R) 9.20 T4: Source Code: T4 Movie Special. 9.50 T4: Friends. (R) 10.20 T4: Glee. 11.20 T4: Great British Hairdresser. 12.25 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.50 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.20 That Paralympic Show. 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. 3.25 The Secret Supper Club. 4.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.30 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.35 Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.05 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.35 Channel 4 News. 7.05 4thought.tv. 7.10 River Cottage Every Day. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall bakes home-made bread. (R)

8.10 Seven Ages of Britain. The sixth age of Britain, from 1350 to 1530AD. (R)

9.10 FILM: Transporter 3. (2008) Premiere. An underworld courier must transport the kidnapped daughter of a crooked politician across Europe. Action thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham and Natalya Rudakova. 11.10 Stand Up for the Week. Satirical comedy show, hosted by Kevin Bridges.

12.00 Film: The Untouchables. (1987) Gangster thriller, starring Kevin Costner. 2.05 Sex in the 80s: The Story of Club 18-30. (R) 3.00 Privileged. (R) 4.35 Ugly Betty. (R) 5.20 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 The Family Recipe. (R) 10.05 The Gadget Show. (R) 11.05 Emergency Bikers. (R) 12.05 Megastructures: 747 Demolition. (R) 1.10 Film: The Battle at Apache Pass. (1952) Western, with Jeff Chandler. 2.50 Film: Vegas Vacation. (1997) Comedy, starring Chevy Chase. 4.35 5 News Weekend. 4.45 Film: The Cowboys. (1972) Western adventure, starring John Wayne.

7.15 NCIS. A man is found dead in a taxi. Drama, with Mark Harmon (R)

8.10 CSI: Grissom's Greatest. Investigations at a pottery store murder scene provide the team with clues to an unsolved kidnapping that took place 20 years previously. Drama, starring William Petersen. (R)

9.10 CSI: NY. Three people are executed by a hit-man at a nightclub, and with the life of a kidnapped woman hanging in the balance, the team tries to track down the killer. Guest starring Ne-Yo.

10.10 CSI: Miami. A bride is shot dead during her elaborate wedding ceremony. (R)

11.10 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A hunter is found mauled by a bear. (R)

12.10 SuperCasino. 4.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 4.10 Nick's Quest. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2

4.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp Compilation 5.00 You've Been Framed! 5.35 Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) 7.40 Film: The Scorpion King (2002) 9.30 Film: Van Helsing (2004)

ITV3

5.55 Inspector Morse 8.00 Rosemary & Thyme 9.00 Midsomer Murders. A commune leader is killed. Last in the series. 11.00 Murder in Suburbia

ITV4

11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Deccan Chargers v Rajasthan Royals and Kochi Tuskers Kerala v Royal Challengers Bangalore. 7.30 British Touring Car Championship Highlights 9.00 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors 10.00 Ultimate Force 11.40 Film: Death Wish V: The Face of Death (1994)

BBC THREE

7.00 The Real Hustle: Celebrity Scammers 7.30 Doctor Who 9.10 Film: Legally Blonde (2001) 10.40 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 11.25 Family Guy

BBC FOUR

7.00 Yellowstone 8.00 Al Murray's German Adventure 9.00 Spiral 10.50 Twenty Twelve 11.20 Room at the Top

E4

1.25 Hollyoaks 4.00 Make It or Break It 5.00 Friends 6.00 Glee 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.55 How I Met Your Mother 8.55 Friends 10.00 The Idiot Awards

FILM4

3.00 The Duellists (1977) 5.00 A Matter of Life and Death (1946) 7.00 Edward Scissorhands (1990) 9.00 This Is England (2006) Shane Meadows' drama set in the 1980s, starring Thomas Turgoose, Stephen Graham and Jo Hartley. 11.00 Oldboy (2003)

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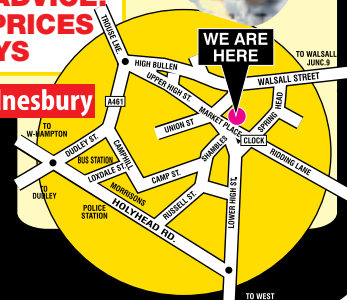
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LIVE GOLF: THE MASTERS

BBC2, 7.00pm

The opening Major of the year reaches the final day at the Augusta National in Georgia, where the coveted Green Jacket will be awarded. Phil Mickelson showed his nerve last year by not registering a single bogey to complete his third five-under-par round of 67 in four days and it was enough for him to win this title for the third time. Lee Westwood finished three shots behind in second place and Anthony Kim one stroke further back in third following an outstanding seven-under-par concluding round of 65. Hazel Irvine hosts. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **8.00** Formula 1: The Malaysian Grand Prix Live. The second race of the season (Start-time 9.00am). **11.15** Country Tracks. **12.15** The Politics Show. **1.15** The Story of Vaisakhi. **1.45** Formula 1: The Malaysian Grand Prix. **3.45** Escape to the Country. **4.30** Points of View. **4.45** Songs of Praise. **5.30** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 Regional Programme.

6.30 The Boat That Guy Built. Guy Martin shows off the renovated boat at a party. Last in the series. (R)

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker attends the opening of the trout season on the River Itchen in Hampshire, while Ellie Harrison discovers the many varieties of wildlife that live on the river's banks.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The experts return to Swindon's Museum of Steam.

9.00 Waking the Dead. Part one of two. Boyd re-opens the first case he ever worked on.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Blackpool v Arsenal and Aston Villa v Newcastle United.

11.25 FILM: The Hunted. (2003) Action thriller, starring Tommy Lee Jones and Benicio Del Toro. Weatherview.

12.55 Sign Zone: MasterChef. (R) **1.55** Holby City. (R) **2.55** Men of Rock. (R) **3.55** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** MasterChef. (R) **12.30** Priceless Antiques Roadshow. (R) **1.00** EastEnders. **2.55** Artistic Gymnastics. **5.30** Flog It! Items are valued in Yeovil, Somerset, and Paul Martin visits a local mallings. (R)

6.00 The Truth About Lions.

Jonathan Scott and Professor Craig Packer conclude their investigation into the creature's social habits and consider the challenges the big cats face for survival. (R)

7.00 Live Golf: The Masters.

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12.00 Frank Skinner's Opinionated. Greg Davies and Victoria Coren join the comedian in Glasgow to discuss the week's news stories. (R) **12.30** Film: Roger Dodger. (2002) A manipulative womaniser trying to regain some self-esteem gives his nephew a few pointers in the art of seduction. Black comedy drama, starring Campbell Scott, Jesse Eisenberg and Isabella Rossellini. **2.10** BBC News. **3.55** The Super League Show. Action from the latest matches, including Huddersfield Giants v Warrington Wolves, Hull Kingston Rovers v Leeds Rhinos and Castleford Tigers v Salford City Reds. **4.25** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **10.25** House Gift. (R) **11.30** This Morning: Sunday. **12.30** Dinner Date. (R) **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.35** Film: Columbo: Uneasy Lies the Crown. (1990) Crime drama, with Peter Falk. **3.35** Abba: The Mamma Mia! Story. (R) **4.35** Midsomer Murders. (R)

6.35 Regional Programmes.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 The Cube. A PE teacher takes on the challenge, aiming to complete tasks within the confines of a large transparent cube to win a jackpot of £250,000. Hosted by Phillip Schofield.

8.00 Lewis. The detective investigates when a female bishop visiting St Gerard's College is found dead after drinking poisoned wine. Guest starring Sian Phillips and Ronald Pickup.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 FILM: Atonement. (2007) A 13-year-old girl accuses her sister's lover of a crime he did not commit, with tragic repercussions. Romantic period drama, starring Keira Knightley and James McAvoy.

12.25 Premiership Rugby Union. **1.10** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Film: The Fog. (1980) Horror, starring Adrienne Barbeau. **3.30** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.05 Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freesports on 4. **7.25** Cruncheon. **7.50** T4: Friends. (R) **8.20** T4: Friends. (R) **8.45** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.20** T4: Friends. (R) **11.55** T4: Glee. (R) **12.50** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **2.25** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **3.30** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **4.00** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **4.30** Deal or No Deal. **5.30** Time Team.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought.tv.

7.00 Come Dine with Me. A garage manager competes against a TV cameraman, a man who works in telesales and a charity worker as the dinner party challenge heads to Swansea.

8.00 Civilization: Is the West History? Niall Ferguson analyses how the West's work ethic has changed. Last in the series.

9.00 Country House Rescue. Ruth Watson visits a Montessori school on the outskirts of Watford.

10.00 FILM: Wedding Crashers. (2005) Comedy, starring Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn.

12.15 Film: Basic Instinct 2. (2006) **2.15** Never Did Me Any Harm. (R) **3.10** Vincent: The Full Story. (R) **4.05** The Play's the Thing. (R) **5.00** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.40** Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) **6.50** The Beeps. (R) **7.00** Mio Mao. (R) **7.10** Chiro. (R) **7.15** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **7.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.45** Iqam Ogam. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **8.20** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.35** Family! (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Olivia. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) **10.00** Chinese Food in Minutes. **10.15** OK! TV Sunday. **11.15** Family Food Fight. (R) **11.45** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **12.45** Tsunami: British Search & Rescue. (R) **1.50** Film: You Got Served. (2004) Premiere. Drama, starring Marques Houston. **3.40** Film: High School Musical 3: Senior Year. (2008) Teen musical sequel, starring Zac Efron. **5.50** 5 News Weekend.

6.00 FILM: Mr Deeds. (2002) Romantic comedy remake, starring Adam Sandler.

7.40 FILM: Hellboy. (2004) Comic-book action fantasy, starring Ron Perlman.

10.00 The Walking Dead. **11.30** FILM: Thirteen Ghosts. (2001)

1.15 SuperCasino. **4.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **4.10** UEFA Europa League Highlights. **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
2.30 Film: The Scorpion King (2002) **4.15** The Only Way Is Essex **5.45** Film: Back to the Future Part III (1990) **8.00** Kerry Katona - The Next Chapter **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Film: Batman Begins (2005)

ITV3
3.30 Film: City of Angels (1998) **5.40** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Susan Boyle **9.00** Film: Ray (2004)

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Delhi Daredevils v Mumbai Indians and Pune Warriors v Kings XI Punjab. **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: US Marshals (1998) **11.40** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors

BBC THREE
7.00 Formula 1: The Malaysian Grand Prix Highlights **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Police Academy UK **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** White Van Man

BBC FOUR
7.00 The Sky at Night **8.00** The Space Shuttle: A Horizon **9.00** Storyville - Knocking on Heaven's Door **10.00** Destination Titan **11.00** The First Men in the Moon

E4
3.55 Film: The Wedding Planner (2001) **6.00** Friends **7.00** 90210 **8.00** Friends **9.00** Film: The Full Monty (1997) **10.45** Being Erica **11.45** Film: Sleeping with the Enemy (1991)

FILM4
2.55 My Neighbour Totoro (1988) **4.45** 4 Films For 4.50 Paper Moon (1973) **6.55** Romancing the Stone (1984) **9.00** The French Connection (1971). Oscar-winning thriller, starring Gene Hackman, Roy Scheider and Fernando Rey. **11.05** Brokeback Mountain (2005)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 6.55 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 12.00 Meerkat Manor. (R) 12.25 Animal Park. (R) 12.55 Diagnosis Murder. 1.40 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.25 Restoration Roadshow. (R) 2.55 Flog It! (R) 3.40 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 4.25 Pointless. 5.10 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 5.55 Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the No Campaign. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 This Is Britain. (R) 8.00 Railway Walks. (R) 8.30 Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets. 9.00 A Home for Me. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Wonders of the Solar System. (R) 12.20 The Brain: A Secret History. 1.20 BBC News. 3.50 Close. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone. (R)

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Britain's Best Dish. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 6.50 Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the No Campaign. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Dales. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Law & Order: UK. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Real Crime with Mark Austin. The Tesco Bomber. (R) 11.35 River Monsters. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 UEFA Champions League Weekly. 3.00 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 Jeremy Kyle: Morning Surgery. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 Max Bear. 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 7.10 Freshly Squeezed. 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.35 Friends. (R) 9.05 Wife Swap USA. (R) 10.00 Brothers & Sisters. 10.55 Relocation. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.20 Film: The Day the Earth Stood Still. (1951) 2.00 No Deal. 5.00 Fern. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Holyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the No Campaign. 8.00 Dispatches: Undercover Hospital. 9.00 One Born Every Minute. (R) 10.00 The 27 Inch Man: A Body Shock Special. 11.05 The Event. 12.05 4thout. 12.10 Music on 4: Foo Fighters: In a New Light. 12.40 European Poker Tour. 1.40 The SS. 2.35 Codex. (R) 3.20 Vincent: The Full Story. 4.15 The Bible: A History. (R) 5.10 Hill Street Blues.

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 Bridesillas. (R) 12.05 The Family Recipe. (R) 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.20 House. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 Chinese Food in Minutes. 3.15 Film: Family Sins. (2004) 5.00 5 News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 7.00 5 News at 7. 7.25 Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the No Campaign. 7.30 How Do They Do It? 5 News Update. 8.00 The Gadget Show. 5 News at 9.00 Film: Resident Evil: Extinction. (2007) 10.55 Film: Deranged. (2002) 12.40 Sex Lessons. 1.10 SuperCasino. 4.00 Meats in Moments. (R) 4.10 How Not to Decorate. (R) 4.55 Rough Guide to Adventures. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 6.55 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Film: Too Many Crooks. (1959) Crime caper, starring Terry-Thomas. 1.40 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.30 Restoration Roadshow. (R) 3.00 Flog It! (R) 3.45 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 4.25 Pointless. 5.10 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 5.55 Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the Yes Campaign. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 Coast. (R) 8.00 Britain's Next Big Thing. 9.00 Filthy Cities. 10.00 Later Live - with (R) 9.30 The 10.00 Newsnight. (R) 11.20 Wonders of the Solar System. (R) 12.20 Wonders of the Solar System. (R) 1.20 BBC News. 3.00 Close. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 6.55 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Film: Just My Luck. (1957) Comedy, starring Norman Wisdom. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.30 Restoration Roadshow. (R) 3.00 Flog It! (R) 3.45 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 4.30 Pointless. 5.10 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 Shanties and Sea Songs with Gareth Malone. (R) 8.00 The Animal's Guide to Britain. 9.00 A History of Celtic Britain. 10.00 Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience. (R) 10.30 The 10.00 Newsnight. (R) 11.20 Wonders of the Solar System. (R) 12.20 Wonders of the Solar System. (R) 1.20 BBC News. 3.00 Close. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone. (R)

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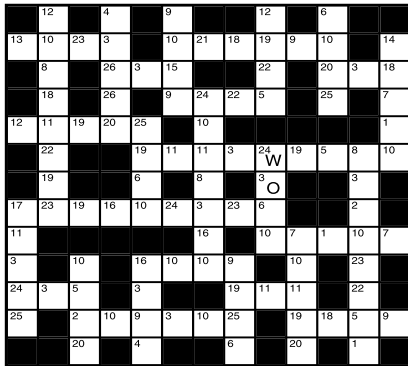
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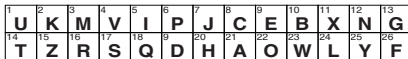
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Snap decision on a question of race? (5,6)
- Serve up (3)
- Go too far across a stretch of water (9)
- Hotel employees a long time in extra thought (5)
- Begin the dance, like an unrestricted puppy? (4,3)
- One inside wards off evil spirits (6)
- Take another look at a critical report? (6)
- Refined male fish? (7)
- Possible range of emotion (5)
- Clearly express a writer's work? (4,5)
- Had a meal from a packet of dates (3)
- On the verge of retirement? (5,3,3)

Quick Clues:

Across

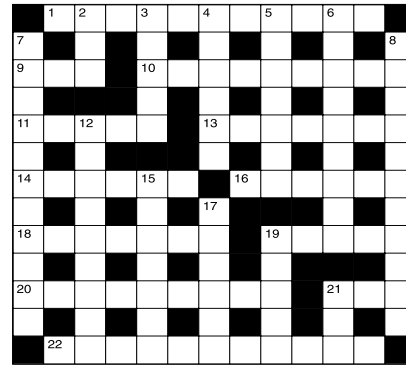
- Scatter here and there (11)
- Serpent (3)
- Instruction (9)
- Type of duck (5)
- Apart (7)
- Beginning (6)
- Highest point (6)
- Relate (7)
- A dead language (5)
- Vigorous (9)
- Untruth (3)
- Anwavy (2,3,6)

Down

- A centre of revolution (3)
- They may make a stool (5)
- Weak charge has a miserable finish (6)
- Hastened up with speed to tell the tale (7)
- Secretly watching for the fish that's due (9)
- It could lead to a lassie's downfall, she's only young (4,2,1,4)
- Employee in removal business? (5,6)
- Reg is wrong to promise fruit (9)
- An obstinate person had dire trouble (3-4)
- Cancelled a surprise order for the hairdresser! (3,3)
- Poisonous creature seen in summer (5)
- One gives superlative service (3)

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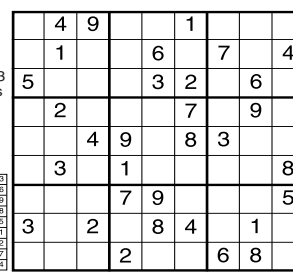
- Pinch (3)
- Senior (5)
- Shriek (6)
- Shut out (7)
- Blown spray (9)
- Seek advice (4,7)
- Rebuked (11)
- Cleansing agent (9)
- Gospel (7)
- Stinging plant (6)
- Sordid gain (5)
- Allow (3)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Gout; 3 Rent-free; 9 Niagara; 10 Oaths; 11 Miss the point; 13 Tapers; 15 Agreed; 17 Burning fever; 20 Osier; 21 Perturb; 22 Bookmark; 23 Shoe. Down: 1 Gunsmith; 2 Urals; 4 Erases; 5 Thoroughfare; 6 Retinue; 7 East; 8 Battering-ram; 12 Adorable; 14 Prurigo; 16 Sniper; 18 Vouch; 19 Tomb. QUICK - Across: 1 Pity; 3 Peaceful; 9 Overeat; 10 Nurse; 11 Preposterous; 13 Coming; 15 Obsess; 17 Super-natural; 20 Pulse; 21 Earnest; 22 Sanctity; 23 Dyed. Down: 1 Prospect; 2 Theme; 4 Estate; 5 Contributory; 6 Fortune; 7 Leer; 8 Denouncement; 12 Isolated; 14 Maudlin; 16 Intest; 18 Reeky; 19 Opus.

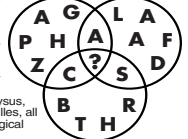
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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.



Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is I. Dionysus, Poseidon, Achilles, all Greek mythological figures.

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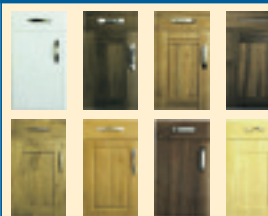
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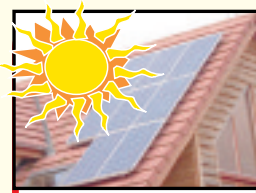
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Well-presented and extended property

Early viewing of a well-presented and extended three-bedroom semi-detached home in Shire Oak is being recommended by the selling agents.

The house is situated on a corner plot in Collins Road, and benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, a separate dining room, newly fitted breakfast kitchen extension, utility, newly fitted shower room, garage, off-road parking and front and rear gardens.

Offers in excess of £160,000 are being invited through Goodchilds estate agents.

A glazed door opens into a porch, which gives access via an obscured double-glazed door to the entrance hallway, where there is an under-stairs storage cupboard.

In the 14ft 4in x 11ft 6in lounge, there's a feature fireplace with fitted electric fire, while the separate dining room gives access to the rear

garden via double-glazed French doors.

The newly extended breakfast kitchen has a range of fitted wall and base units, worksurfaces, stainless steel one-and-a-half bowl sink and drainer, gas hob with extractor, built-in double oven, plumbing for a dishwasher and an obscured double-glazed door leading to the utility, which has a worksurface, plumbing for a washing machine and door to the rear garden.

Pathway

Upstairs, there are three bedrooms, the main measuring 14ft 5in x 11ft 6in, and a shower room with a WC, pedestal wash basin and shower cubicle.

Outside, the property is set back from the road behind a wall, metal gate, pathway, lawn and shrubs. There's off-road parking leading to a detached garage with an up-and-over door while a paved garden is at the rear.

For more information or to arrange a viewing, call 01543 500011.



Situated on a corner plot, this extended property is on the market priced £160,000 through Goodchilds.



The property has many nice features including this separate dining room has French doors to the rear garden

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Offers around £289,950



DELVES CRESCENT, DELVES

- Beautifully extended four bedroom semi
- Gas CH & DG ● Hall ● Lounge/ Dining Room
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- Downstairs Wet room ● Upstairs Bathroom
- Driveway ● Workshop/Garage ● Rear Garden

Offers around £224,950



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- Two building plots of land ● Both have planning permission and listed building consent to build a three storey, six bedroom town house comprising: ● Reception Hall ● Lounge ● Dining Room ● Fitted Kitchen ● Utility ● Downstairs W.C. ● Two Bathrooms ● Allocated parking ● Rear garden

Offers around £170,000



BRINDLE ROAD, NEAR TAMEBRIDGE

- Modern three bed three storey townhouse ● Garage to rear ● Hall ● Downstairs W.C. ● Lounge ● Conservatory ● Fitted Kitchen ● Master bedroom with En suite and Dressing room ● Family Bathroom ● Front and rear gardens

Offers around £154,950



CHERRY TREE AVENUE, WALSALL

- Well presented two bed semi
- Gas ch and upvc dg ● Lounge/Dining Room
- Modern fitted Kitchen ● Upstairs Bathroom
- Good sized rear garden

Offers around £114,950



HIGH ROAD, HIGHGATE

- Well presented two bed ground floor apartment ● Communal areas ● over 55's ● Hall ● Upvc dg & Electric heating ● delightful Lounge ● fitted Kitchen ● Shower room ● Overlooking Gardens ● Communal car park

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Ideal home for first time buyers

AN ideal property for first-time buyers or couples looking to downsize has come onto the market in the Willenhall area.

The semi-detached two-bedroomed home in Rosewood Drive, on the popular Coppice Farm estate, has gas fired central heating, uPVC double glazing and allocated parking, and is on the market with Fraser Wood for £107,500 with no chain.

Situated at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac, the house is on the doorstep of

schools and shops and is within easy reach of Walsall, Wolverhampton and the M6.

A uPVC double-glazed front door opens into an entrance hallway, with a door leading off to the 10ft 3in x 13ft 3in lounge, which has a gas fire with surround, dado rail and understairs storage cupboard. From here, a door leads to the kitchen, where there is a range of fitted wall and base units, an inset sink, gas hob and electric oven with extractor fan, plumbing for a washing machine and wood laminate flooring.

Upstairs, the main bedroom meas-

ures 8ft 10in x 10ft 3in and has built-in wardrobes with overhead storage. There is a further bedroom and bathroom, which has a suite comprising a WC, wash basin and shower cubicle.

Outside, the property is set back from the road behind a lawned foregarden, path to the front door and side access to the rear garden, which is also accessed from the kitchen. There is also allocated parking at the front of the property.

To the rear, there is a garden with a lawn, paved patio and large wooden shed.

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- Full gas central heating
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TO LET

**20 Hucker Close,
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- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Family Bathroom
- Downstairs WC
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazed Windows
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- Fitted Kitchen

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TO LET

**1 Hodson Avenue,
Willenhall WV13 2HS**



- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Dining Area
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom with Shower
- Double Glazed Windows
- Full Gas Central Heating
- Garage
- Driveway
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- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
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TO LET

**3 Sorrel Drive, Tamebridge,
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£495 PCM

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazed Windows
- Central Heating
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Driveway

TO LET

**17 Whitton Street,
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£475 PCM

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Upstairs Toilet
- Double Glazed Windows
- Full Gas Central Heating
- Enclosed Rear Garden

TO LET

**17 Wellington Place,
Willenhall WV13 3AB**



£475 PCM

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Full Gas Central Heating
- Rear Garden

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**Flat 36, The Court Yard, Russell Street,
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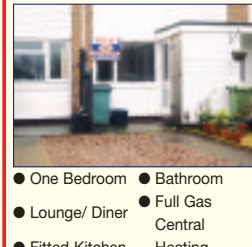


£475 PCM

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Allocated Parking Space

TO LET

**31 Roebuck Glade,
Willenhall WV12 4BS**



£400 PCM

- One Bedroom
- Lounge/ Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Full Gas Central Heating

TO LET

**26 Lewis Close,
Willenhall WV12 4EF**



£420 PCM

- Modern One Bedroom
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating



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WILLENHALL GIPSY LANE

- * Two bedroom coach house style apartment
- * UPVC double glazed windows
- * Electric storage heating
- * Fitted bathroom with white suite
- * Fitted kitchen inc. oven and hob
- * Garage and allocated parking space
- * Security gated entrance
- * Internal viewing recommended

£95,950 NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL FARBROOK WAY, SUMMER HAYES

- * Pleasantly appointed extended semi
- * Corner plot position
- * Three bedrooms
- * Two reception rooms
- * Superb UPVC DG conservatory
- * Gas CH + UPVC DG windows
- * Garage and block paved driveway

£147,500 OFFERS VIEWING ESSENTIAL



WILLENHALL SANDBEDS ROAD

- * Beautifully presented traditional style detached bungalow
- * Spacious extended character accommodation Two bedrooms
- * Two reception rooms Extended kitchen inc. oven and hob
- * uPVC double glazed conservatory
- * Lovely established rear garden
- * Ample off road parking and garage Must be viewed

£182,250 PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED, NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL ST ANNES ROAD

- * Pleasantly appointed modern style semi
- * Two bedrooms
- * Gas central heating
- * uPVC double glazing
- * Fitted kitchen inc. oven and hob
- * Spacious rear lounge
- * Lovely enclosed rear garden
- * Block paved driveway

Was £89,995 Now £84,995



NEW INVENTION FLETCHER ROAD

- * Extended two bedroom traditional style semi
- * Gas central heating, part UPVC double glazed windows
- * Enclosed dining room and guest cloakroom
- * Upstairs bathroom with white suite
- * Lounge and separate dining room
- * Pleasant rear garden
- * Off road parking
- * Internal viewing recommended

£96,995 OFFERS NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL MARDEN CLOSE

- * Pleasantly appointed extended modern style detached residence
- * Four bedrooms
- * Gas central heating
- * uPVC double glazed windows
- * Upstairs bathroom
- * Garage and off road parking

£169,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



SHORT HEATH POOLES LANE

- * Descriptively spacious extended traditional style detached bungalow
- * Three bedrooms
- * Gas central heating, upvc double glazed windows
- * Superb refitted luxury bathroom
- * Upvc double glazed conservatory
- * Large 16ft rear garden
- * Ample off road parking for several vehicles

£199,950 VIEWING ESSENTIAL



WILLENHALL FURZEBANK WAY, OFF STROUD AVENUE

- * Pleasant semi detached property in corner plot location
- * Three bedrooms
- * Gas central heating
- * UPVC double glazing
- * Spacious 14ft rear lounge
- * System bathroom with shower
- * Garage at rear with driveway
- * Fitted kitchen
- * Internal viewing recommended

£126,500 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL TEMPLE ROAD

- * Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- * Three bedrooms
- * Gas CH + UPVC DG windows
- * Excellent refitted kitchen being well equipped with a range of appliances
- * 18ft through lounge with feature fireplace
- * Upstairs bathroom with separate wc
- * Generous rear garden
- * Viewing essential

£89,995



BENTLEY POPLAR AVENUE

- * Traditional style semi-detached property
- * Thought ideal for first time purchasers
- * Three bedrooms
- * Gas central heating
- * UPVC single glazed windows
- * Upstairs bathroom with shower
- * Spacious 21ft through lounge
- * Internal viewing recommended

£94,500 OFFERS NO CHAIN



SHORT HEATH RIDING WAY

- * Pleasant three bedroom semi in popular location
- * Gas central heating
- * UPVC double glazing
- * 20ft garage with utility area
- * Refitted shower room
- * Fitted kitchen
- * Garage at rear with driveway
- * No chain
- * Internal viewing recommended

£139,950 VIEWING RECOMMENDED



WILLENHALL NOOSE LANE

- * Pleasantly appointed traditional style detached double fronted bungalow
- * Generous plot with gardens to the front, rear and side
- * Two bedrooms
- * Part UPVC double glazed windows
- * Gas central heating
- * Fitted kitchen inc. oven and hob
- * Fitted bathroom with shower
- * Single off road parking for several vehicles

£159,950 OFFERS INVITED



WILLENHALL MILL LANE

- * Pleasantly appointed detached family residence
- * Three bedrooms
- * Two reception rooms
- * UPVC double glazing
- * Well equipped fitted kitchen
- * Gas central heating
- * Double glazed windows
- * Block paved driveway

£159,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL LINCOLN AVENUE

- * Spacious much improved semi detached property
- * Three bedrooms
- * Gas central heating
- * uPVC double glazed windows
- * Upstairs bathroom with shower
- * Fitted kitchen inc. oven and hob
- * Pleasant gardens

£127,950



SUMMER HAYES, WILLENHALL CARDIGAN DRIVE

- * Pleasantly appointed extended semi
- * Three bedrooms
- * Gas central heating
- * Double glazing
- * Large garage
- * Utility and store room
- * Black paved driveway
- * 22ft through lounge/dining room

£132,950



WILLENHALL FARMHOUSE ROAD, CORNER BENTLEY LANE

- * Spacious modern style detached residence
- * Three bedrooms
- * Master bedrooms with en-suite shower room
- * Lounge and dining room
- * Fitted kitchen inc. oven and hob
- * Garage and off road parking
- * Gas central heating, double glazed windows

£175,000 NO CHAIN



DARLASTON HEATHFIELD LANE

- * Pleasantly appointed and town house style property
- * Ideal for the young family
- * Three bedrooms
- * Gas CH + UPVC DG windows
- * Spacious 18ft fitted dining kitchen
- * 13ft front lounge
- * 13ft front lounge
- * Parking at rear
- * NO CHAIN

£112,500



WILLENHALL BILLOWAYS LANE

- * Traditional style bay front semi detached property
- * Three bedrooms
- * Gas central heating system
- * UPVC double glazing
- * 28ft through lounge/dining room
- * Fitted kitchen including oven and hob
- * Fitted bathroom with shower

£104,950 NO CHAIN



BENTLEY WILKES AVENUE

- * Spacious three bedroom semi detached property
- * Two reception rooms
- * Fitted kitchen inc. oven and hob
- * Conservatory/sun room
- * Utility room outside w.c.
- * Driveway to the fore
- * Gas central heating
- * Majority UPVC double glazed windows

£114,995



WILLENHALL RAVENSROFT ROAD

- * Splendidly appointed, centrally heated traditional style detached property
- * Three bedrooms and left room
- * Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows
- * 28ft through lounge/dining kitchen
- * Large kitchen with built in type hob
- * Large garage and black paved driveway
- * Extensive landscaped rear garden with double stone gate
- * A lovely family home, extremely modernised to the high standards for the area

£242,500 VIEWING ESSENTIAL



WILLENHALL STONEHOUSE AVENUE

- * Splendidly appointed three bedroom detached property
- * Superior 18ft rear lounge/dining room
- * Superior UPVC double glazed conservatory
- * Fitted kitchen inc. oven and hob
- * Gas central heating
- * uPVC double glazed windows
- * Garage and black paved driveway
- * Separate shower
- * Gas central heating
- * uPVC double glazed windows
- * Viewing essential

£159,995 OFFERS



BENTLEY, WALSALL ATLEE ROAD

- * Superior four bedroom extended semi
- * Gas central heating
- * Part UPVC double glazing
- * Gas CH + UPVC DG windows
- * 18ft through lounge
- * Ground floor bedroom with guest WC
- * Fitted kitchen and side lobby
- * Black paved driveway
- * Pleasant rear garden

£125,000 OFFERS, VIEWING ESSENTIAL



VICTORIA MEWS, DARLASTON BARKFORD CLOSE

- * Pleasant modern style town house
- * Ideal first time purchase
- * Three bedrooms
- * uPVC double glazing
- * Fitted bathroom with shower
- * Rear garden
- * Allocated parking space
- * Viewing recommended

Offers in excess of £89,995



WILLENHALL SQUIREGATE ROAD

- * Pleasant modern style and town house
- * Two bedrooms
- * Gas central heating
- * uPVC double glazing
- * 14ft front lounge
- * Fitted kitchen inc. oven and hob
- * Fitted bathroom with shower
- * UPVC double glazed windows
- * Ideal first time purchase

Was £111,995 Now £109,995



WILLENHALL CHATSWORTH CLOSE

- * End town house style property
- * Three bedrooms
- * Gas central heating
- * Majority UPVC double glazing
- * Generous rear garden
- * 19ft through lounge
- * Cal-de-see position
- * Ideal first time buy

£99,950



WILLENHALL BENTLEY LANE

- * Descriptively spacious detached family detached property
- * Superior 18ft rear lounge/dining room
- * Well equipped fitted breakfast kitchen
- * Jack and Jill style bathroom with separate shower
- * Gas central heating
- * uPVC double glazed windows
- * Garage and ample off road parking
- * Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows (except garage)
- * Viewing essential

£169,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL ERNEST CLARK CLOSE, OFF STROUD AVENUE

- * Pleasant town house style property
- * Ideal for first time buyers or young family
- * Three bedrooms
- * Gas central heating
- * UPVC double glazed windows
- * Spacious 27ft through lounge
- * Dining room and sun room
- * No related chain

£89,950 OFFERS NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL CHESTER CLOSE

- * Traditional style bay fronted semi
- * Three bedrooms
- * Two reception rooms
- * Large rear garden
- * Gas central heating
- * UPVC double glazed windows
- * Off road parking
- * In need of modernisation
- * Excellent potential to improve

£84,950 OFFERS NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL VICTORIA STREET

- * Pleasantly appointed traditional style terrace
- * Two bedrooms
- * Two reception rooms
- * Fitted kitchen inc. oven and hob
- * Gas central heating
- * uPVC double glazed windows
- * Ideal first time purchase

£76,950 OFFERS, VIEWING ESSENTIAL



SUMMER HAYES PERTH ROAD

- * Descriptively spacious detached semi
- * Cal-de-see position
- * Two bedrooms
- * Two/three reception rooms
- * Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows
- * Refitted kitchen and bathroom
- * Utility room/downstairs wc
- * 30ft garden and ample parking

£164,950



**SUMMER HAYES, WILLENHALL
EATON RISE**

- * Disruptively spacious extended link detached bungalow
- * 330 Family room/utility room
- * Gas central heating
- * UPVC double glazed windows
- * Was £199,950 Now £196,950



**COPPICE FARM, WILLENHALL
GOREY CLOSE**

- * Pleasantly appointed modern style semi
- * Two bedrooms
- * Gas central heating
- * UPVC double glazed windows
- * £119,995



**ESSINGTON
HOUGH WAY**

- * Spacious modern detached family residence
- * Popular Essington village location
- * Four bedrooms two on suite shower rooms
- * Gas central heating UPVC double glazed windows
- * £289,950 OFFERS



**COPPICE FARM
TORRTON ROAD**

- * Splendidly appointed terraced style bungalow
- * Beautifully presented accommodation throughout
- * Two bedrooms, both with built-in wardrobes
- * Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows
- * £155,000 OFFERS



- * Superb UPVC double glazed conservatory
- * Smart fitted kitchen including appliances
- * Fitted bathroom with Velux roof window
- * Block paved driveway
- * Viewing essential



**NEW INVENTION
SANDLAND ROAD**

- * Spacious four bedroom semi-detached property
- * Two reception rooms
- * Part UPVC double glazed windows
- * Kitchen and store room/utility
- * £120,000 OFFERS



- * Bathroom with white suite and shower
- * Rear garden
- * A family home offering excellent potential
- * No chain



**SHORT HEATH
POOLES LANE**

- * JUST AVAILABLE
- * Two brand new three bedroom semi-detached properties
- * Popular Short Heath location
- * Gas central heating
- * UPVC double glazing
- * En suite shower room
- * Spacious accommodation
- * Viewing via Agent
- * £162,995



**WILLENHALL
NEVINS GROVE, COPPICE FARM**

- * Pleasant modern style semi-detached property
- * Two bedrooms, both with fitted wardrobes
- * Pleasant rear garden
- * Gas central heating UPVC
- * £125,000 NO CHAIN



**WILLENHALL, COPPICE FARM
KINGFISHER GROVE**

- * Modern style detached property
- * Four good size bedrooms
- * Double glazing and central heating
- * £184,950



**WILLENHALL
BILSTON LANE**

- * Spacious traditional style extended detached family residence
- * Pleasantly appointed accommodation
- * Four bedrooms
- * Gas central heating
- * Majority double glazing
- * Spacious extended living kitchen
- * Generous rear garden with further decking
- * Garage and driveway
- * £157,950



**COPPICE FARM ESTATE, WILLENHALL
HEBEN GROVE**

- * Spacious modern style detached residence
- * Four bedrooms
- * En-suite shower room
- * Lounge and dining room
- * Was £224,995 NOW £219,995



- * Conservatory
- * Through reception hall
- * Garage and block paved driveway
- * Refitted bathroom



**WALSALL
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD WEST**

- * Spacious traditional style detached family residence
- * Two bedrooms
- * Two reception rooms
- * Gas central heating
- * Double glazed windows
- * Separate bathroom and separate WC
- * Generous established rear garden
- * A lovely family home with great potential
- * £184,995 NO CHAIN



**WEDNESFIELD
ARGIL CLOSE**

- * Beautifully presented modern detached family residence
- * Four bedrooms, master suite with dressing room ensuite
- * UPVC double glazing & gas central heating
- * £229,995 OFFERS IN THE REGION



**WILLENHALL
CADNAM CLOSE**

- * Three bedroom double fronted detached family residence
- * Potential to extend to the side elevation
- * Suitable for planning regulations
- * Gas central heating, double glazing
- * £159,950 NO CHAIN



**NEW INVENTION
LICHFIELD ROAD**

- * Considerably improved three bedroom detached property
- * Gas central heating
- * Double glazing windows
- * Only well installed
- * Two reception rooms
- * Refitted kitchen inc. oven, hob and refrigerator
- * Refitted bathroom with separate shower cubicle
- * Car port and ample off road parking, No Chain
- * Now Offers in Excess of £165,000



**WILLENHALL
NEWLANDS CLOSE**

- * Pleasant first floor maisonette
- * Popular and convenient location
- * Cul-de-sac position
- * £74,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



**SHORT HEATH, WILLENHALL
THE COPPICE**

- * Traditional style detached bungalow in cul-de-sac position
- * Two bedrooms
- * Gas central heating, UPVC double glazing
- * £150,995 NO CHAIN



**WILLENHALL
DOUGLAS DAVIS CLOSE**

- * Pleasantly appointed seven houses style property
- * UPVC double glazed windows
- * £87,500



**WILLENHALL
CIRCUIT CLOSE**

- * Pleasantly appointed first floor apartment
- * Two bedrooms
- * Electric storage heating
- * Fitted kitchen
- * £49,995



**WILLENHALL
BRUNSLow CLOSE**

- * Pleasant first floor maisonette in convenient location
- * Two bedrooms
- * Gas central heating
- * UPVC double glazed windows
- * £67,950 OFFERS



**BLOXWICH
61 MARLBOROUGH STREET**

- * Top floor two bedroom flat
- * Convenient to Bloxwich town centre
- * Gas central heating system
- * UPVC double glazing
- * £69,950 NOW £64,950

IN TOUGH TIMES.....

Darvel Road, Willenhall	SOLD IN MARCH	Three bed link detached	£145,000
Bentley Mill Lane, Walsall	SOLD IN MARCH	Three bed semi	£134,950
Ludlow Close, Willenhall	SOLD IN MARCH	Two bed link detached bungalow	£135,000
Sandland Road, New Invention	SOLD IN MARCH	Three bed semi	£102,000
Woodside Way, Short Heath	SOLD IN MARCH	Two bed bungalow	£114,995
Ravenscroft Road, Willenhall	SOLD IN MARCH	Three bed detached	£249,950
Kestrel Grove, Coppice Farm	SOLD IN MARCH	Two bed semi	£116,500
Kestrel Grove, Coppice Farm	SOLD IN MARCH	Three bed detached	£195,950
Lochalsh Grove, Coppice Farm	SOLD IN MARCH	Two bed detached bungalow	£199,950
Willow Grove, Essington	SOLD IN MARCH	Four bed detached	£254,950
Clothier Street, Willenhall	SOLD IN MARCH	Three bed end town house	£89,995
Pooles Lane, Willenhall	SOLD IN MARCH	Three bed semi	£162,995
Bute Close, Willenhall	SOLD IN MARCH	Three bed detached bungalow	£142,500
Leven Drive, Coppice	SOLD IN MARCH	Farm Three bed town house	£132,500
Redwood Way, Coppice	SOLD IN MARCH	Farm Two bed semi	£115,000
Coltham Road, Willenhall	SOLD IN MARCH	Two bed terraced	£84,995
Mount Road, Willenhall	SOLD IN MARCH	Two bed detached	£120,000
Perth Road, Summer Hayes	SOLD IN MARCH	Two bed link detached bungalow	£145,950
Snowdon Way, Wolverhampton	SOLD IN MARCH	Two bed bungalow	£89,995
Circuit Close, Willenhall	SOLD IN MARCH	Two bed flat	£49,995
Farbrook Way, Summer Hayes	SOLD IN MARCH	Two bed link detached	£149,950
Bewley Road, Willenhall	SOLD IN MARCH	Three bed semi	£124,950
Williams Close, Willenhall	SOLD IN MARCH	Two bed semi	£144,950
Pimbury Road, Short Heath	SOLD IN MARCH	Two bed semi	£75,000
Coronation Avenue, Willenhall	SOLD IN MARCH	Three bed semi	£119,950

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Perch Road, Reedswood, Walsall
Walsall
 IDEAL STARTER HOME, MUST BE VIEWED A modern two bedroom semi detached home having the benefit of double glazing and gas central heating. This well presented property briefly comprises, reception hall, fitted kitchen, lounge, 2 double bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens and off road parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £105,000
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Rhys Thomas Close, Willenhall
Willenhall
 A 3 bedroom middle terrace having the benefit of no upward chain, UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. The property briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom and front and rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £69,995
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Trentham Avenue, Willenhall
Willenhall
 An upgraded and improved 2 bedroom middle terrace family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. This well presented property further comprises, reception hall, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, 2 double bedrooms, re-fitted family bathroom, off road parking and rear garden. **VIRTUAL TOUR ON OUR WEBSITE**
OFFERS AROUND: £119,950
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Terrace Villas, Walsall Street, Darlaston
Darlaston
 MUST BE VIEWED Well presented, attractive upper class Victorian detached family home having the benefit of double glazing, UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. The spacious property briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, grand double lounge, fitted kitchen, breakfast room, guest bedroom, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms with shower, front and rear gardens and off road parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £214,995
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Winsor Avenue, Hednesford, Cannock
Cannock
 A modern one bedroom bungalow, conveniently situated in a quiet location close to Hednesford town centre. This property further comprises, front porch, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, one bedroom, conservatory, gardens to the front and rear, driveway and a garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £129,950
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Victoria Street, Willenhall
Willenhall
 A brand new 3 bedroom luxury middle terrace family home, having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating, fitted interior alarm and with no upward chain. These excellent properties briefly comprise, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite shower room), family bathroom, rear garden and allocated parking space to rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £99,995
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Archer Road, Leamore
Leamore
 Good size plot extended and improved with future potential for extension and possible building plot at rear subject to planning permission. Three bedrooms and terrace family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. The property briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, conservatory, fitted kitchen, utility room, shower room, 2 bedrooms, family bathroom and garden with rear garden with access to the rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £144,995
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Wallace Road, Bradley, Bilston
Bilston
 A 2 bedroom 1st floor flat having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. In need of some up-gradings and refurbishment the property briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, 2 bedrooms and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £49,950
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Noose Lane, Willenhall
Willenhall
 A well presented 2 bedroom end of terrace property having the benefit of a fitted interior alarm, majority UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. Ideal for landlord or first time buyer the property further comprises, reception hall, fitted kitchen, lounge with French doors, 2 double bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens, off road parking and garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £94,000
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Horton Place, Darlaston, Walsall
Walsall
 An extended two bedroom and terrace property benefiting from gas central heating, double glazing and no upward chain. The property briefly comprises the following: Reception hallway, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen and downstairs bathroom. On the first floor there are three bedrooms and a fitted shower room. Off road parking and rear garden. **VIRTUAL TOUR ON OUR WEBSITE**
OFFERS AROUND: £84,950
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Horton Close, Darlaston
Darlaston
 Presenting a modern well presented three bedroom middle terrace family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. Located in a quiet cul-de-sac the property further comprises, porch, reception hall, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, access to the front and rear garden. **VIRTUAL TOUR ONLINE**
OFFERS AROUND: £109,995
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Laburnum Road, Off Stow Heath Lane, Wolverhampton
Wolverhampton
 A very well presented, upgraded and improved 3 bedroom detached family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and quiet location. This splendid property briefly comprises, reception hall, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, side and rear gardens, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, off road parking and garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £134,995
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Hawkswell Drive, Hadley Heath, Willenhall
Willenhall
 Well presented, extended and improved two bedroom semi detached home or two person hadley health estate and having the benefit of no upward chain, UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. The splendid property briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge with feature fireplace, fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, study, kitchen, utility room, shower room, 2 bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens and off road parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £110,000
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Essington Road, Willenhall
Willenhall
 GUT LANDLORD OR FIRST TIME BUYER A first floor 2 bedroom flat having the benefit of UPVC double glazing. The property further comprises, communal entrance with intercom, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, utility room, shower room, 2 bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens and off road parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £69,950
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Clothier Street, Willenhall
Willenhall
 A refurbished and upgraded 3 bedroom end of terrace family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. This splendid property further comprises, lounge with feature fireplace, re-fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, re-fitted family bathroom, rear garden and off road parking to front. **VIRTUAL TOUR ON OUR WEBSITE**
OFFERS AROUND: £99,950
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Darlington Road, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton
Wolverhampton
 A three bedroom middle terrace family home having the benefit of cavity wall and loft insulation, UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. This good sized property briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge with feature fireplace, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens and off road parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £94,995
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Agil Close, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton
Wolverhampton
 An immaculately presented, three bedroom detached property having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. This splendid property further comprises, reception hall, guest WC, lounge, fitted kitchen, integrated appliances, first floor bathroom, 3 bedrooms, front & rear gardens and off road parking to the front.
OFFERS AROUND: £154,950
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Boxwich Road South, Willenhall
Willenhall
 Luxury 2 bedroom spacious brand new apartments having the benefit of UPVC double and triple glazing, gas central heating and fitted interior alarm. These splendid large town average properties briefly comprise, reception hall, good size lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen with integrated appliances, two bedrooms (main bedroom with master), family bathroom and allocated parking spaces.
OFFERS AROUND: £75,000
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Riverbank Road, Riverport, Willenhall
Willenhall
NEW
 Spacious modern detached on sought after Riverport development, central heating, upvc double glazing, no upward chain, 3 double bedrooms, hall, guest wc, lounge, dining room, conservatory, 1st floor breakfast kitchen, family bathroom, side garage and pool front drive, gardens, scope to extend to side (plot) or for additional parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £189,995
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Honeybourne Way, Kingfisher Estate, Willenhall
Willenhall
 Offers by sealed bid invited by 12 noon on Friday 16 April 2011 - Ideal investment or 1st time purchase, 2 bedroom semi-detached house, no upward chain, central heating, double glazing, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, side drive with scope to extend (sttp), rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £80,000
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Fraser Street, Bilston
Bilston
 A two bedroom middle terrace property having the benefit of no upward chain, gas central heating and majority UPVC double glazing. Ideal for first time buyer or landlord the property briefly comprises, lounge, dining room, kitchen, ground floor bathroom, 2 double bedrooms and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £69,950
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Lawford Avenue, Wednesfield
Wednesfield
NEW
 A 3 bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. In a quiet cul-de-sac the property further comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, front and rear gardens and off road parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £99,950
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Franchise Street, Wednesbury
Wednesbury
REDUCED
 A Much Improved 1st Floor Flat
 • Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
 • Electric central heating
 • Lounge with Feature Fireplace
OFFERS AROUND: £64,950
 Viewing: 0121 505 3533



Westbourne Court, Westbourne Road, Darlaston
Darlaston
 • First floor flat
 • One double bedroom
 • Electric central heating
 • UPVC double glazing
OFFERS AROUND: £64,995
 Viewing: 0121 505 3533



Hall Street East, Darlaston
Darlaston
REDUCED
 • 2 Bedroom Starter Home
 • Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (both where specified)
 • Reception Hall
 • Lounge with Feature Fireplace
OFFERS OVER: £75,000
 Viewing: 0121 505 3533



Crawford Avenue, Darlaston
Darlaston
 • 3 Bedroom Mid Townhouse
 • Cul-de-Sac Location
 • Gas Central Heating
 • UPVC Double Glazing (where specified)
OFFERS AROUND: £94,995
 Viewing: 0121 505 3533



Burgh Way, Walsall
Walsall
 5% DEPOSIT PAID BY THE VENDOR Well presented modern semi detached 2 bedroom family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. This lovely property further comprises, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, 2 double bedrooms, family bathroom, 2 car driveway providing off road parking and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £109,950
 Viewing: 01902 633323



Memorial Close, Willenhall
Willenhall
NEW
 Well presented modern 3 bedroom detached house, central heating & double glazing, hall, lounge, fitted kitchen diner, fitted bathroom, garage, double drive, front & rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £165,000
 Viewing: 01902 633323

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**Wednesbury**

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£325,000**Brunswick Terrace**

rooms and two bathrooms - a very special property

**Wednesbury**

A superb five bedroom detached property, refurbished and immaculate throughout. All double bedrooms, two receptions, three bathrooms, large garage - ideal family home.

£239,950**Westmore Way****Wednesbury**

Three bedroom detached property in a much sought after area. Offering excellent accommodation comprising: Lounge, separate

£215,000**Kendrick Street**

Dining room, kitchen with appliances, utility with wc off. En suite. To master bedroom, garage with ample parking and good size rear garden.

**Wednesbury**

Offering flexible accommodation this three bedroom, three bathroom property is in excellent order throughout. Having ground floor bedroom and bathroom ideal for teenager/relative, beautifully fitted kitchen with full

£142,950**Goldby Drive**

range of appliances, garage and off road parking.

**Wednesbury**

Three bedroom modernised semi detached house in a sought after area providing an excellent family home. The property also falls within the catchment area for Wood Green High School.

£142,500**Rachael Gardens**

L shaped living room, kitchen/diner, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden and off road parking for several cars.

**Walsall**

Located close to Junction 9 of the M6 and with excellent access to local schools and shopping, this extended semi detached home is offered for sale with no upward chain. Situated on a corner plot with ample off road

£119,995**Bescot Road**

parking, the extended accommodation briefly comprises of: Through lounge/dining room, extended breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, first floor bathroom, small rear garden, large garage, gated off road parking.

**West Bromwich**

This extended traditional-style semi detached house is offered for sale with no upward chain and offers newly double glazed and centrally heated accommodation with off road parking and garage facility. The

£119,950**Sheldon Road**

property, which was originally three bedrooms, now has two bedrooms plus large first floor bathroom, two reception rooms, extended kitchen, ground floor wc and utility rooms and a pleasant rear garden.

**West Bromwich**

Competitively priced for a quick sale and includes carpets, curtains and furniture. An ideal first time or buy to let - three bedrooms, two reception rooms, gardens and off road parking. Early viewing highly

£115,000**Tame Street**

recommended.

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**West Bromwich**

Situated in a small cul de sac in the Hill Top area of West Bromwich, this three bedroom semi is offered for sale with no upward chain. The property has double glazing, a new central heating system and off road

£94,950**St Pauls Crescent**

parking - an ideal first time or investment buy

**Wednesbury**

A spacious first floor maisonette having three bedrooms, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, communal gardens & no upward chain. Considered ideal as a first time purchase or investment.

£79,950**Lower High Street****WEDNESBURY****St Lukes Road**

an immaculately presented, bedroom semi detached double glazed and property at the head of a centrally heated three quiet cul de sac.

£149,950**WEDNESBURY****THE FURLONG**

skitts are delighted to offer for sale this modern style and town house, having three bedrooms and conveniently situated on a double glazed and centrally heated and has the added bonus of a garage and ample parking.

£122,500**WEDNESBURY****DARBY ROAD**

★ Semi detached house
★ Ideal first time purchase
★ Two bedrooms
★ Recently fitted kitchen
★ Re-fitted first floor bathroom
★ Private enclosed rear garden
★ Off road parking to the fore
★ Viewings via Wednesbury office

£115,000**WEDNESBURY****WINDMILL STREET**

★ Superbly presented mid terrace house
★ Three bedrooms
★ Contemporary kitchen and bathroom
★ Two reception rooms
★ Enclosed rear garden
★ Sumptuous first floor bathroom
★ Ideal for first time buyers
★ Viewings via Wednesbury office

£104,950**WEDNESBURY****CURTIN DRIVE**

★ Family town house
★ Three excellent sized bedrooms
★ Two reception rooms
★ Fully double glazed and condensing central heating
★ Enclosed established rear garden
★ Off road parking and gated driveway

£90,000 OFFERS AROUND**DARLASTON****WAVERLEY ROAD**

Situated in a popular road, close to the amenities of Darlaston town centre, this spacious traditional-style mid terrace property has central heating and double glazing and offers potential for further improvement..

£84,950**Darlaston****Marston Avenue**

An extended traditional-style two bedroom semi detached property available with no upward chain. Quietly situated in a cul de sac close to Darlaston town centre, the property benefits from double glazing, central heating and is competitively priced to appeal to first time buyers or for investment

£79,950**DARLASTON****RICHARDS STREET**

★ Traditional mid terrace house
★ Three bedrooms
★ Two reception rooms
★ Double glazed and centrally heated
★ Rear garden
★ Vacant possession
★ Viewings via Wednesbury office

£79,950

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REDUCED
WEDNESBURY
WODEN ROAD EAST
★ Detached bungalow ★ With two bedrooms
★ Immaculately presented ★ Large attic room
★ Fully double glazed and ★ Two reception rooms plus
central heated throughout ★ a conservatory
£205,000



REDUCED
WEDNESBURY
ARUNDEL AVENUE
★ Internal viewing is a must to appreciate the quality and size of the accommodation
★ Centrally heated and double glazed throughout
★ Reception hall, guest w/c, lounge, dining area
★ Conservatory, three bedrooms, family bathroom
★ Low maintenance landscaped rear garden
★ Garage and off road parking
£179,995



REDUCED
WEDNESBURY
106 HAWKSWOOD DRIVE
Situated on a corner plot within the popular Hawkswood Grange development, this modern-style three bedroom semi detached family home offers spacious accommodation in a great location. With the addition of a conservatory the property is fully centrally heated and double glazed.
£134,995



REDUCED
WEDNESBURY
HOLLY ROAD
This traditional style two bedroom semi detached property is situated in a popular cul-de-sac off Hudson Road North and is offered for sale with no upward chain. Thought ideal for young professionals, being ideally located for access to the motorway network at Junction 7 at M6. The accommodation benefits from majority central heating and double glazing.
£115,995



REDUCED
WEST BROMWICH
24 JAMES WATT STREET
★ Four bedroom mid terrace property
★ Two reception rooms
★ Ideal for a family purchaser or for investment purposes
★ Close to local amenities this large
★ mid terrace
★ Parh, reception hall, two reception rooms, kitchen
★ Four bedrooms and a large rear garden
£95,000



REDUCED
WEDNESBURY
VICARAGE ROAD
Situated in a very popular road, appreciated. Being competitively priced for a quick sale, the accommodation includes two reception rooms, two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a large kitchen, a conservatory and a large rear garden.
£89,950



REDUCED
DARLASTON
FORGE ROAD
★ Semi detached house ★ Two good size bedrooms
★ Established location of Darlaston ★ Two reception rooms
★ Close to local amenities and schools ★ Ideal for a first time buyer or for investment purposes
£84,950

IN TOUGH TIMES...

Myrtle Terrace, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Two Bed Bungalow	£134,995
Portfield Drive, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£130,000
Stella Road, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£105,000
Grenville Place, Dudley	SOLD STC IN 2011	One Bed Flat	£65,000
Morrison Road, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£124,950
Bustleholme Lane, West Brom	SOLD STC IN 2011	Four Bed Semi Detached	£249,950
Hall Street East, Darlaston	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£79,950
Crownmeadow Drive, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Mid Terrace	£119,995
Hobs Road, Wednesbury	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£115,000
Horseley Road, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£140,000
Wake Green Road, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£139,950
Vicarage Road, West Brom	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Detached	£164,950
Woden Road South, Wednesbury	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£169,950
Chatwains Wharf, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Two Bed Apartment	£82,500
Wenyon Close, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Two Bed Semi Detached	£94,995
Wyld Close, West Brom	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed End Terrace	£124,950
Cherry Road, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£79,995
Bustleholme Lane, West Brom	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£169,995
Goldcroft Road, Wednesbury	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Detached	£165,000
Beverston Road, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£139,995
Oldbury Street, Wednesbury	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£139,950
Farmer Way, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Detached	£189,995
Heath Lane, West Brom	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£119,950
Bartlett Close, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£124,500
Monins Avenue, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Two Bed Semi Detached	£109,995
Heathfield Lane West, Darlaston	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£79,950
Brodes Road, Oldbury	SOLD STC IN 2011	Two Bed Apartment	£75,000
Whitgreave Street, West Brom	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Mid Terrace	£110,000
Lincoln Road, West Brom	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£109,950
Hall Street, Darlaston	SOLD STC IN 2011	Two Bed Apartment	£62,950
Beverston Road, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£122,500
New Street, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed End Terrace	£94,995
Myvold Road, Wednesbury	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£124,950
Sannders Crescent, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	2.5 Storey End Townhouse	£125,000
Haines Close, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Detached	£163,500
Crankhall Lane, Wednesbury	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Mid Townhouse	£94,950
Sannders Crescent, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	2.5 Storey End Townhouse	£127,500
Addenbrook Way, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Four Bed Detached	£195,995
Adelaide Avenue, West Brom	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£127,500
Kent Close, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£114,995
Manor Road, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Four Bed Semi Detached	£134,950
Wolverhampton Street, Darlaston	SOLD STC IN 2011	Two Bed Mid Terrace	£69,950
Monins Avenue, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£119,995
Hughes Road, Moxley	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£92,950

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REDUCED
WEST BROMWICH
BUSTLEHOLME LANE
★ Offered for sale with no upward chain
★ Traditional-style two bedroom detached bungalow
★ In the very sought after Bustleholme Lane
★ The property offers tremendous potential to improve and extend (subject to local authority planning permission)
★ Simply must be viewed internally to appreciate.
£185,000



REDUCED
WEDNESBURY
CHURCH HILL
★ Large semi detached house in sought after location
★ Three excellent bedrooms, all with fitted wardrobes
★ Extended accommodation
★ Conservatory
★ Containing central heated and double glazing
★ Front and rear gardens
★ Great off road parking
★ Viewings via Wednesbury office
£169,950



REDUCED
WEDNESBURY
PEMBERTON CRESCENT
★ Three bedroom detached property
★ Double glazing and combination heating
★ No upward chain
★ Competitively priced for a quick sale
£119,600



REDUCED
WEST BROMWICH
SIDONS WAY
★ Modern-style mid town house
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LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL?

We have previously expressed the view that the number of house sales will not improve until Lenders are able to Securitise mortgage debt again. In the 'boom' years it was Securitisation which allowed Lenders to increase funds available for house purchase unfettered by the traditional model of those that relied principally upon retail deposits. Of course, things got out of hand when the underlying quality of the loans within the securitised mortgage books deteriorated culminating in the 'sub prime' disaster. So when Northern Rock recently announced the launch of a new securitisation issue many industry pundits raised an eyebrow. The size of the transaction is said by the company to represent 2% of its balance sheet and it will be secured "on high quality UK mortgage assets selected from the Company's total loan book of £12.2 billion." A positive reaction from investment Markets could well provide a glimmer of hope that the worst is over and signal an improved mortgage market maybe not this year but next.



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PERTON (£259,000) STOKESAY AVENUE Exceptional detached residence. Private drive approach. Outstanding property, extensively extended. Gas central heating. Double glazing. 2 generous Reception. Remodelled Kitchen/Living. Laundry, Cloakroom. 4 good size Bedrooms. Dressing Room. Bathroom with shower. Detached double brick/garage side by side. Secured laid out gardens. Parking several vehicles. No upwards chain. OFFERS INVITED.	COSELEY (£250,000) BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD A very unusual and highly individual Detached Bungalow in a central and convenient position. Would ideally suit motor enthusiast etc (subject to planning/other consents) due to approx. 1000 sq ft underbuild. 2/3 Bedrooms with two further reception demands further inspection. High standard of presentation throughout and includes central heating and double glazing.	BILSTON (£210,000) CADGWITH GARDENS A modern detached property occupying a larger than average corner plot in a cul-de-sac setting on this very popular development with the Black Country Route and motorway network readily accessible. Four Bedrooms, En-suite and family Bathroom. Lounge and Dining room, cloak/WC and Garage.	COVEN (£209,950) LAWN LANE Outstanding property, fringe of village near open countryside. Excellent extensively refurbished bungalow. Gas central heating, PVC double glazing, Cloakroom, 2 Reception. Remodelled Kitchen new units, 4 Bedrooms. Remodelled bathroom with new suite, new carpets to ground floor, redecoration, garage, carport, easy access motorway network.	PENN (£189,995) HOPSTONE GARDENS Cul de sac position. Close most amenities and public transport. Impressive detached bungalow. Gas central heating with brand new Worcester unit. Double glazing. Spacious Living Room. Kitchen with integrated units. 2 double Bedrooms. Bathroom with shower. Off road parking. Private gardens. No upward chain.	PERTON (£189,950) JEDBURGH AVENUE Impressive detached bungalow. Enervable position close Perton centre. Attractive property, gas central heating, double glazing, good size Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory, two Bedrooms. Bathroom with shower, garage and Carport. Private garden.
COVEN (£184,950) BREWWOOD ROAD A deceptively spacious detached two bedroom bungalow in need of general modernisation, occupying a prime location convenient for the amenities of Coven village centre. With generous landscaped gardens, driveway, garage and rear veranda. Viewing is recommended to appreciate the full potential that the property could offer. There is no upward chain.	WILLENHALL (£179,950) YALE ROAD An extremely attractive modern Detached Family Home on this popular development that enjoys easy access to both Willenhall and Bilston. Also close to BCR and Motorway links. Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Lounge & Dining Room. Double Glazing and C-Heating Brick Garage.	BILSTON (£174,950) BUNKERS HILL LANE Detached Edwardian era property close schooling, not far town centre Spacious accommodation some original features 2 Reception Rooms. Kitchen, 3 bedrooms, Bathroom with shower. Gas central heating, majority double glazing. Detached garage, 4 brick built stores. Ample off road parking. Long mature laid out gardens.	PALMERS CROSS (£164,000) CONISTON ROAD A traditional semi detached home, popular location, close to amenities. In brief with Lounge plus Study Area, Kitchen/Diner, modern Bathroom and three Bedrooms. Benefiting from UPVC double glazing and radiator central heating, front plus side driveway, rear garden and tandem garage. Viewing is recommended.	ETTINGSHALL PARK (£159,995) FARRINGTON ROAD Deceptively spacious semi detached property. Gas central heating. PVC double glazing. Accessible City, Sedgley, Dudley. Enclosed Porch. 2 Reception, Kitchen, Conservatory. 3 Generous Bedrooms. Bathroom with shower. Good sized rear garden. Garage. £159,995 inc excellent bedroom furniture.	BILSTON (£159,500) MOSELEY ROAD Much extended traditional Family Home between Bilston and Willenhall. Offering up to Four Bedrooms, Three Reception, Shower Room and Bathroom. Radiator central heating and Upvc Double Glazing. Viewing highly recommended. Also Large Garden and paved Drive.
WILLENHALL (£156,950) YALE ROAD On a popular development convenient for the Black Country Route, this end-terrace property includes three excellent bedrooms, en-suite and family bathrooms, an attractive lounge and dining kitchen. Guest cloakroom / WC and integral garage with driveway. Superb garden to suit variety of uses. Gas CH and DG. Inspection highly recommended.	FORDHOUSES (£154,950) AINSWORTH ROAD Moseley Green. Extended semi detached property. Easy access M54. Gas central heating. Double glazing. 2 Spacious Reception. Remodelled Kitchen. Cloakroom. 3 Bedrooms. Bathroom. Garage. Private garden.	PENN (£154,950) PENN ROAD Upper Penn (Penn Road). Close to shopping, schooling, frequent public transport. Spacious property. Gas CH. DG. Cloakroom. Two good size Reception Rooms. Three Bedrooms. Shower Room. Garage.	BILSTON (£145,995) DENVILLE CLOSE Conveniently situated cul de sac location for this modern style Detached Family home. With good schools, amenities and motorway links close by. Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Side Garage with drive and enclosed Garden. Gas central heating.	CLAREGATE (£145,950) CHEAM GARDENS Deceptively spacious and well presented throughout. This tasteful semi detached home offers three bedrooms, living room, breakfast kitchen, bathroom with UPVC DG & CH where specified. With Garage, driveway and landscaped gardens.	BRADMORE (£144,950) VICTORIA ROAD west of Wolverhampton and convenient for a range of local amenities including shops, bank, bus routes and nearby Bantock Park. The traditional semi detached home offers three bedroom accommodation benefiting from gas CH and majority DG, conservatory driveway and pleasant rear garden. Viewing is recommended for full appreciation.
COVEN (£130,000) ELMHURST CLOSE A modern semi - detached home within a cul-de-sac in the popular village of Coven. In brief with, Reception Hall, through Lounge/Diner, extended Kitchen, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. UPVC D.G. & Radiator C.H. (both where specified). Garage/store, driveway and garden. No Upwards Chain. BEST OFFER OVER £130,000 Sought.	BILSTON (£130,000) CUMBERLAND ROAD A great opportunity for a local project at a very realistic price. Located on the well regarded 'Mountford' Estate close to schools and local amenities. Offering generous accommodation to include 3 good Bedrooms, 2 Reception Rooms. Large hallway with Cloak/WC, Kitchen, Bathroom and generous garden central heating and double glazing. MAKE AN OFFER	PENDEFORD (£130,000) LEYSBOURNE CRESCENT A deceptively spacious semi detached home within this popular location close by to a range of amenities and convenient for public transport and road networks to the M54 and city centre. The well presented accommodation includes: Through lounge/diner, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom. Modern CH, garage, gardens, driveway and NO CHAIN.	BRADMORE (£129,950) HAVELOCK CLOSE Good size bungalow, gas central heating, double glazing. Enclosed Porch, Spacious Living Room, Kitchen, 2 double Bedrooms, Bathroom, off road parking. Convenient cul de sac position close shops and public transport services to City.	FORDHOUSES (£122,500) ST ANNES ROAD A pleasant semi detached residence, close to an extensive range of amenities and offering well presented accommodation over three floors including: Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 4 Bedrooms and modern Bathroom. With DG and Rad CH (where specified). Garage, Driveway and charming gardens. Viewing is recommended.	BILSTON (£119,950) BICKLEY ROAD A modern Three-Bedroom Semi-Detached family home on Broadacres. Bilston close to all amenities. Also includes Hall, Cloak/WC, Lounge, Dining / Kitchen, En-suite and family Bathrooms, enclosed Garden and brick Garage.
BRADMORE (£119,000) VICTORIA ROAD Traditional terrace property close most amenities not far from Bantock Park. Double glazing, gas central heating, 2 reception, kitchen, bathroom, 2 bedrooms, long garden. No Upward Chain.	CLAREGATE (£105,950) PENDEFORD CLOSE With no upwards chain this end terrace home enjoys a cul-de-sac setting and offers accommodation including: Hall, Lobby, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Veranda/Utility, two Bedrooms and Bathroom. With majority double glazing, radiator central heating, driveway and charming gardens, viewing is recommended.	PENDEFORD (£99,950) LONG FURROW Off Barnhurst Lane. Most spacious 4 Bedroom property. PVC double glazing, part gas central heating. Fitted Cloakroom. Large Lounge, Dining Kitchen. Study. Bathroom with shower. Most amenities at hand.	BRADLEY (£89,950) MELDON DRIVE Deceptively spacious mid-terrace family home in a secluded cul-de-sac on the fringe of Bilston. Convenient access to M60 to Birmingham and Wolverhampton. Three good bedrooms, lounge and dining room, kitchen and bathroom with corner bath. Warm air ducted heating (gas fired) and DG. Off road parking to front. Superb upgrade opportunity.		
WILLENHALL (£89,950) ALAMEIN ROAD A good sized three bedroomed terrace house conveniently located and ideal for both first time buyers and investors offering three good bedrooms, lounge, dining kitchen, computer / hobby room, bathroom / WC all with double-glazing and central heating. Tarmac forecourt and enclosed rear garden. No upward chain.	BILSTON (£89,950) STIRLING ROAD A traditional semi detached home within this established residential area and convenient for a range of local amenities including access to nearby road, tram and bus networks. Well presented, this three bedroom home benefits from UPVC double glazing, radiator central heating (both where specified). Also with through Lounge and Dining Kitchen. Landscaped gardens and a driveway.	BILSTON (£79,950) FRASER STREET An attractively located traditional mid terrace property just off Mount Pleasant, Bilston convenient for a range of town centre facilities including Metro and bus services. Local Schools are also exceptionally convenient. Porch, two Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Bathroom / WC, two Double Bedrooms, enclosed courtyard garden. Gas CH and DG. Inspection highly recommended.	BILSTON (£74,995) FRASER STREET Conveniently located traditional mid terrace villa with a short distance from Mount Pleasant Bilston, ideal for linking to either Wolverhampton or Birmingham centre. Two double bedrooms, two living rooms, kitchen and downstairs bathroom. Gas central heating and part double-glazing. An excellent improvement project with no upward chain.		

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Thalictrum is a fairly tall plant

The first herbaceous plants of the summer



GARDENING WITH PAT EDWARDS

My herbaceous plants are growing fast now, and it is time to prepare them for the summer, when they may well fall over if I do not give some of them a bit of support.

My own method is to put hazel sticks in by the taller things, so that they are there if a gale comes, just to keep them upright.

They do look a bit obvious for a little while, but soon the herbaceous plants grow up and hide them.

For big borders, such as at National Trust gardens, the usual method is to stretch pig netting

right across the border about now onto posts about two feet high, so that the new growths grow through them.

This is a fool proof idea, and the netting lasts well until the end of the season, when the whole lot is cut down.

On a very small scale some people put a cane by each plant and tie them up separately.

The first plants to flower in a general border are the lupins, which are so bright in colour. They flower in all colours, some "selfs" which are all one shade; others have standard petals of one colour and the lower part a contrasting shade.

Finished

It is best to plant them back a little, so that when they have finished some later plant can grow up in front of them to hide the remains, although the leaves are pretty shapes, so they do not look bad, and some will flower again later on.

After the lupins there is a plethora of herbaceous

plants to follow. Thalictrum is a lovely plant, as the leaves are so enticing, being greyish green to form a contrast for the yellow flowers.

Phlox comes in many colours, the tall douglasii or paniculata types in white, cerise or mauve are good for the back of a border, and the smaller types, such as divaricata are ideal for the front.

Towards the end of the summer there is a huge variety of daisy-like flowers to choose from. Heleniums will soon make a big clump of oranges and gingers, or rudbeckias will end the summer with an accolade of bright yellow.

For really tall things at the back of the border try cephalaria gigantea, a high yellow scabious. Or some hollyhocks, a packet of seeds will provide double or single ones in all different colours.

At the front there are many plants to choose from, which have the advantage of not needing any stakes or support.

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Boost for town and city misers

AS MOTING costs continue to soar, more and more of us are looking to cut down on how much goes out of our bank account on our choice of four wheels.

This is particularly the case for town and city dwellers.

Many are realising that running a medium to large-sized car is all well and good.

But when its main job is to ferry the children to school, nip a few miles into the office or make a trip to the supermarket, then capacious space with its (usual) fairly high mpg is a luxury many now just cannot afford – or would rather spend the money on other things. So no wonder small car sales are


By Sharon Walters

going up and the marketplace is becoming more competitive. High up in the popularity stakes here has been the Hyundai i10, the biggest seller for the Korean marque, which will no doubt do even better with its recent refresh. It now looks even better with improved ultra-modern engines, better fuel economy, lower emissions and stronger performance.

And that's why it has another award to its collection – winning Best City Car in the CarBuyer.co.uk awards.

The CarBuyer.co.uk judging panel reviewed and rated every new model on sale, focusing on performance, safety, running costs, mpg, owner satisfaction and reliability.

Dan Strong, the editor of CarBuyer.co.uk, explained why the Hyundai i10 was a clear winner in the city car category: "A recent redesign means that the Hyundai i10 looks better than ever."

Practical

"It has always been affordable, economical to run, fun to drive and very practical, but now it's stylish and well made too. For our money, there's no better city car around."

"The new Hyundai i10 represents a big step up in terms of quality and desirability, yet it remains great value for money. "What's more, the revised model now comes with the company's triple-care warranty, which ensures peace of mind by offering unlimited mileage cover, free car health checks and roadside assistance for five years."

"There's also a fuel efficient 'BLUE' model – the company's first car to dip below the 99g/km CO2 barrier – making it free from road tax and the congestion charge in London. Don't be fooled by the compact dimensions, the versatile interior means you really can transport a growing family and all that travels with it."

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The plastic trim is fine but matches the price

go that extra bit when needed.

You do get Intelligent Stop and Go, low rolling resistance tyres, an alternator management system and a gear-shift indicator which all help to keep trips to the petrol station down.

Where you realise the car is "cheap" is the standard of finish inside and items that we have come to expect higher up the market – such as no remote for the central locking, now that was a step back in time. Having said that the plastic trim is fine for the money.

Boot

You can get four people in without any squashing but don't expect to carry much in the boot except school and supermarket bags.

Hyundai has also put its latest 1,248cc four-cylinder petrol unit into the i10. That has 85bhp to give you a tad more oomph, 105g/km emissions and combined mpg of 61.4 for the five-speed manual version or 51.4 for the four-

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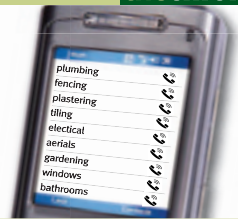
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RUGBY

Changed side takes the spoils U17s miss out on semi final spot

WARLEY 16 ALDRIDGE 22

A much-changed Aldridge side, featuring a few newcomers, pulled off a rewarding victory when they visited Warley, from a league above.

A lively start by the visitors had the home side on the back foot from the start.

After just three minutes, a typical charge from Aldridge scrum-half Chris Jones got him to the line to post their first points.

Aldridge had more of the play and were more enterprising throughout.

The back-row provided an effective

link between forwards and backs and applied persistent pressure on the Warley three quarters, thwarting any ambitions they may have had.

Two long-range penalties from Warley scrum-half Dan Hemming gave them a narrow lead and briefly reduced Aldridge's momentum but the lead was restored just on the half-time whistle with a well-taken drop goal from No10 John Marsh.

Aldridge attacked straight from the restart and with some slick handling, moved the ball out to winger Dave Akanbi who powerfully took it on

from halfway up to the Warley line. Veteran lock Terry Gibbs was on hand to carry the move on to get the touch down.

Chris Jones added the extra points but Warley hit back with another well-struck penalty from Hemming which reduced the deficit.

Another good break from the Aldridge backs took them close and, after a brief tussle, Gibbs was again on hand to charge over. Jones kicked the conversion. On the final whistle, Aldridge allowed Warley No10 Adam Bolton to score, Hemming converted.

MIDLANDS U17S PLATE FINAL TOWCESTRIANS 22 WALSALL 17

Walsall U17s were unlucky at the weekend missing out on a National semi final, conceding a try in the last few seconds of this thrilling match.

Walsall appeared to have the game under control at half time having scored three tries from Robbie Edgar, Ben Tipson and Charlie Wright.

Ben Tipson converted one of these and with a solitary penalty from Towcestrians before half time held a 17-3 lead.

Towcester fought hard from the

whistle in the second half and it was only through some stern defence from Walsall that kept the scoreline in their favour.

However, the relentless pressure and forward driving from Towcestrians paid dividends when they eventually crashed over for their first converted try.

With only five minutes remaining Towcestrians then went over in similar fashion for their second converted try bringing the scores level and a kicking contest to settle the score looming. Walsall were then

unfortunate to be penalised several times in their own half for what can only be described as some dubious decisions, resulting in Towcestrians scoring the winning try in the dying seconds. Even then Walsall battled on and were awarded a penalty in front of the posts 10 metres out. However, Towcestrians were unwilling to let Walsall have the ball to take a quick penalty and from the melee that followed were accused of an infringement which reversed the referees penalty decision giving the free kick to Towcestrians which ended the game.

JUNIORS

United miss final chance

SILVERDALE 2 BLOXWICH UNITED 1 U15S (SEMI FINAL)

Despite taking the lead in the first half Bloxwich missed out on an appearance in the cup final. Josh Green's looping header over the keeper gave Bloxwich the lead before Silverdale pulled a goal back just before half time. The game looked to be heading for extra time until a mix up between defender and keeper with five minutes remaining gifted Silverdale the winning goal. Hayden Perry was parents and managers MoM.

BURNWOOD DRAGONS 3 SHIRE OAK SHARKS 0 U16S

Sharks started with stand in keeper Brett Wilson who performed well until going off injured and then skipper Sam Butters went in. Both performed admirably and couldn't prevent any of the 3 goals, one before half time and two in the second half.

SHIRE OAK SHARKS 1 GREAT BARR HARRIERS 2 U16S

Sharks got off to a flyer when Callum Watkins prodded home Kameran Bevington's free kick after only five minutes and despite good first half pressure couldn't add to their lead. Harriers forced an equaliser with 12 minutes adn then got the winner in the final seconds.

CRESSWELL 3 BUSH SCORPIONS 4 U10S

Hard work paid off for the Scorpions and they got themselves a well-deserved, fighting 4-3 win. With two goals apiece for Rene Spinks and Taylor Evans.

TIPTON 0 BUSH SCORPIONS 5 U10S

Two of the goals came from Rene Spinks who just couldn't clinch the hat-trick, two goals from Ben Southall and a first goal for Josh Gunter. Man of the match went around Josh Gunter for his efforts and securing his first goal.

APR 3 BUSH SCORPIONS 3 U10S

Scorpions gave away an early goal. Conceding a penalty did not help the score line but they fought back well making the score level at the final whistle, with all the goals coming from Rene Spinks.

SPORTING KALISA 0 BUSH SCORPIONS 4 U10S

It was end to end football with the goals coming from Rene Spinks, Regan Stephens, Rhys Burbridge and Taylor Evans. Man of the Match went to Taylor Evans.

BLOXWICH UNITED AFC 2 WYRLEY 1 U15S

Bloxwich went in front early in the game when Jonathan Akiboye stroked the ball home. Wyrley were back on level terms just minutes after the restart when Jack Ford poked the ball home.

The home side took the lead midway through the second half when Kyle Holmes smashed the ball home. Ash Wakemans was parent's man of the match and Josh Greens got the managers vote.

BLOXWICH UTD

BLOXWICH UNITED AFC 3 BEWDLEY TOWN 2

The Red Lions' leading goalscorer Leon Taylor fired them into the lead and strike partner Alan Wilkes doubled the advantage.

Bewdley settled into the game after the home side's early onslaught and Olly Smith netted their first goal. After the break the visitors grabbed the equaliser through Simon Rudd. With the game now finely balanced it was Bloxwich who netted the decisive third goal when Leon Taylor scored his second of the game in the 63rd minute. Martin Lewis was unlucky not to extend the lead for Bloxwich when his shot came back off the post late in the game.

RUSHALL OLYMPIC

Pics pile on pressure for coming play-offs

Rushall Olympic ramped up the promotion play-off pressure on their rivals by reeling off a fifth consecutive victory in the Evo-Stik First Division South.

A quickfire double from substitute Danny Lennon turned the game back in the host's favour after Goole had restored parity early in the second period.

The 3-1 home success saw the Pics elevate themselves to fourth place, just one point behind both Newcastle Town and Kidsgrove Athletic, who occupy second and third respectively.

Rushall enjoyed the perfect opening when they surged into the lead after three minutes. A corner from the right was delivered to the far post where it eventually found ucan Spittle who drilled in a firm side-footed finish through a crowded goalmouth from 12 yards.

Four minutes later the hosts threatened again when a superb run through the right channel by Ahmed Obeng saw the front runner hold the ball up to perfection before cutting inside and spraying a probing ball in to Matt Lewis who slammed a fierce drive wide of the left hand upright.

RUSHALL OLYMPIC 3 GOOLE 1

With Rushall well in control of proceedings, a good knockdown on 16 minutes by Lewis picked out strike partner Obeng just inside the box who unleashed a venomous first time drive that the Vikings Keeper Leigh Walker did extremely well to block out.

Within four minutes Lei Brown carved his way into the left side of the penalty area and fired in a low drive towards the near post from an acute angle that the shot-stopper managed to save with his foot.

Attacking

Little was seen of Goole as an attacking force until just prior to the half-hour when Simon Harrison drove in from 25 yards with an effort that went straight into the arms of Chris Gemmell.

On 34 minutes a superb ball over the top of the visitors' defence from Christian Dacres picked out the run of Obeng into the 18-yard box, who ultimately found himself hauled to the ground by a defensive challenge that sent a big penalty appeal ringing around the ground.

Although the hosts failed to claim the goalscoring advantage their overall dominance arguably merited during the first period, they began the second

half in a somewhat lacklustre fashion that threatened their demise. Indeed, on 62 minutes it all appeared to be going awry when a corner from the left was flicked on towards the far post and the unmarked Derry Robson headed firmly home from 10 yards to restore parity.

Fortunately the Pics are made of sterner stuff and the equalising goal stirred them into action.

Within two minutes of the restart they quickly regained the initiative.

As the ball was fed into Lennon through the left channel the substitute cut inside towards the penalty area and unleashed a powerful low drive that Walker could only palm on to the upright, with the spin on the rebound seeing the ball bounce over the line.

With 16 minutes remaining Rushall effectively sealed all three points when an exquisite intelligent ball from Lewis found Lennon through the centre who displayed great control before drilling home inside the right hand post from the edge of the box to complete a quick-fire brace.

As Olympic coasted their way to the final whistle, with eight minutes remaining there was a second vocal penalty appeal, this time for a clear-cut hand ball.

But again the appeal was waved away.



Christian Dacres in a challenge. Pictures: Darren Stockall

PELSALL VILLA

Single goal is enough for Villa Game not so sweet for Pelsall

WALSALL WOOD 1 PELSALL VILLA 0

A 30 yard super strike from Danny Owen in the 80th minute was all that separated the two sides in this typically tight, hard fought local derby.

The return at the Bush on April 30 promises to be an interesting encounter.

As is normal in these games both teams started at a 100mph and the first threat on either goal came when Wood keeper Adam

Braddock had a rush of blood and presented Mitchell Green with the ball 25 yards out, the young striker under considerable pressure from a defender fired wide.

Having soaked up the pressure Villa finished the hour on top.

The second half followed the pattern of the first and after 54 minutes Taylor-Boyce won the ball out wide on the Wood right before cutting inside and firing in a

low cross that was eventually cleared by a resolute Villa defence.

With both sides feeling the pace it was Taylor-Boyce on 80 minutes cutting inside from wide on the left going through three tacklers before hitting a low drive that Collins pushed round the post. From the resulting corner the ball was pushed away at full stretch by Villa keeper Chris Collins.

On 11 minutes Wright fed Vollrath and his far post cross just missed by Michael

CADBURY ATHLETIC 2 PELSALL VILLA 0

It took an 84th-minute penalty for Cadbury to make sure of the victory.

Both sides started brightly but on five minutes Dale Vollrath fired in a cross from wide left to find Michael Wright in the D and his low drive was pushed away at full stretch by Villa keeper Chris Collins.

On 11 minutes Wright fed Vollrath and his far post cross just missed by Michael

Woolman. A minute later a ball over the top of the Villa defence by Stuart Cooke was collected by Laurence Martin who ran on and calmly slotted the ball past the onrushing Collins to open the scoring.

A Villa attack on 28 minutes saw Mark Woodridge make space but his cross was just inches in front of Mitchell Green.

Five minutes later a long ball forward by Craig Timmins was sliced behind

for a corner by Liam Shelton, from which Aaron Simpson headed just wide.

Two minutes into the second half Martin raced on to a ball through the centre of the Villa defence but his rising drive went over.

Six minutes from time Grant Baker collided with Harry Phillips and went down in a heap.

The referee harshly gave a penalty that Wright tucked away to make the game safe.

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DEANO'S THE BOSS IN TWO-YEAR DEAL

Gbarssin is focusing on survival for the Saddlers

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Boss Dean Smith has committed his future to Walsall by signing a new two-year deal.

The manager has breathed fresh life into the Saddlers after succeeding Chris Hutchings in January when the club were eight points adrift of the safety line and rock bottom of League One.

He has impressed in his 18 games in charge, losing just five, drawing eight and winning five to leave the Saddlers fourth bottom, a point behind Dagenham.

Smith stepped up from head of youth to initially take charge until the end of the season – beating 90 applicants – but the team's form has convinced the board to offer him longer terms.

"It is an honour to be given the job on a full-time basis," said the boss, who captained and made 166 appearances for the Saddlers.

Fantastic

"This is a fantastic opportunity for me personally at a club very close to my heart. I am fully-focused on the immediate task at hand of avoiding the drop and now that my future has been resolved I can start to plan for the long term.

"This is an exciting challenge which I'm relishing. I wasn't sure about it when I first came on board but I've really enjoyed it. I had a response from the players and staff, they've been brilliant. If I didn't get that enjoyment then we wouldn't be here."

The Saddlers didn't play Saturday – as original opponents Brentford were facing Carlisle in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final on Sunday – but travel to rock bottom Plymouth this Saturday.

And, ahead of the final seven games of the season, the Walsall board felt the club needed stability to help them survive.

"The impact Dean has had since stepping up to first-team level is clear for all to see," said chief executive Stefan Gamble.

"Performances and, crucially, results have improved dramatically and we have given ourselves a real chance of avoiding relegation, something that was almost unthinkable at the turn of the year.

"We also felt that the time was right to bring stability to the club, in terms of managerial personnel, as we enter the most decisive phase of the season."



Dean Smith has signed on as boss for the next two years.

Smith right to leave his zone - Marsh

Walsall legend Chris Marsh has hailed boss Dean Smith for ditching his comfort zone after he penned a two-year deal. The Saddlers manager has committed his future to the club until the summer of 2013 after impressing since taking over from Chris Hutchings in January.

Smith left his role as the Saddlers' head of youth after initially being handed the job until the end of the season. He has given them fresh hope of avoiding the drop after they were eight points adrift at the start of the year.

They are now fourth bottom of League One, still a point below the safety line, but Marsh has praised his former team-mate for taking the plunge. "He had a job for life in the youth set-up," said Marsh, who played with Smith between 1989-1994.

Managers would have come and gone but he would have stayed in the role, yet he's given up that security to take a difficult job. We all know Walsall's a difficult one because of the finances.

Applauded

"He has a nice family and he has to support them but he's decided to give it a go and he should be applauded for that. It's a statement from the club and it will help the players and Dean. You can't make your mark in a year."

Smith recruited former boss Chris Nicholl as an adviser to work with him and No.2 Jon Whitney and Marsh, who made 479 appearances for Walsall, reckons Nicholl's influence has been key in their survival bid.

"Dean was a defender and when he has Chris Nicholl helping out you can't say any more. Chris' ideal result was 1-0, if you won 5-1 he'd go mad, and maybe his mentality has worked," said the 41-year-old, who played under Nicholl.

"When a new manager comes in he lifts you.

"Players lift their game because their futures are on the line and it usually lasts for five or six games but Dean has continued it for Walsall and long may that continue."



On-loan Marco Gbarssin.

Marco Gbarssin has shelved plans to resolve his future so he can concentrate on Walsall's survival fight.

The on-loan midfielder wants to help keep the Saddlers in League One before he thinks about his next move.

His deal from Carlisle expires after the penultimate game of the season against Charlton, while his contract at Brunton Park is also up at the end of April.

But, despite the uncertainty, the Frenchman insisted he is only focusing on the Saddlers' battle against the drop.

"For the moment, I'm not thinking much about my future," he said.

"I know it's a question I'll have to answer because at the end of the season you have to think about next year."

"But for the moment I have something to achieve here and I have to concentrate on the shirt I'm wearing now."

Impressed

"For every game I'm thinking about what I'm doing now and after that we'll see."

"It's like that in football. I'm here until the end of April. I'll just think game by game and after that we'll see what happens."

Gbarssin has impressed since joining from the Cumbrians in March and has been one of the Saddlers' outstanding performers – losing just once in his five outings.

The Saddlers travel to rock bottom Plymouth on Saturday and have been bullish about beating the drop, but Gbarssin admitted they must back up their claims.

"The mentality is supported by a good team spirit so we have everything to be safe at the end of the season, but we have to show it on the pitch," said the 26-year-old.

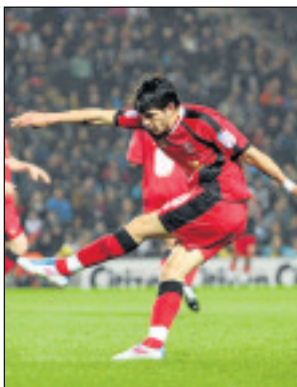
"If we want to be safe at the end of the season we have to be positive. We have enough quality but also have to show the right mentality."

"I'm pretty positive because in the last two games we've shown we can put the performances in on the pitch. In the last half an hour against Hartlepool we were good and against MK Dons we did it all the game."

"Our mentality can support performance after performance."

"We have an objective and we know what we have to do. We have the mentality, quality and a couple of new players so everything is positive."

Walsall lucky with Ledesma



Snapped up – Emmanuel Ledesma

Dean Smith says Walsall "got lucky" when they snapped up Argentine ace Emmanuel Ledesma.

The 22-year-old has played a major part in the Saddlers' survival bid as they fight the drop from League One. Smith's scouts spotted him playing for Brighton reserves in January and when the Seagulls didn't offer him a deal he swooped to sign the attacker until the end of the season.

And, despite his exhaustive searches for new talent, Smith's most exciting signing was by chance.

"The Ledesma signing was a lucky one really," he said. "We had someone out there watching the game and he turned up. An agent's phone call coincided with his name being put on my desk so we invited him in. He's done fantastically well."

"We've covered a lot of miles watching games. Being out of the scene for a while you are reacquainting yourself and getting in touch with old contacts and players."

"I think we've been astute in the market. Marc-Antoine Gbarssin wasn't

on too many people's radars and we got him and he's slowly and surely becoming the player we know he can be.

"I've always been aware of Marc Laird and I've been watching Jordan Cook playing for Sunderland reserves."

The duo, signed from Millwall and the Black Cats respectively, became the Saddlers' 10th and 11th loanees of the season.

Smith has also boosted his squad since taking over in January with Tom Williams and Jason Price, although Price returned to Carlisle after an unsuccessful loan spell.

But the boss praised his new-boys' attitude after revealing their desire is key to the Saddlers' survival hopes.

He said: "It's massively important.

"I'm not going to say everyone I've gone for has wanted to come. They haven't. It's important to me that the ones who want to come are the right ones."

"The lads don't know when they are beaten. I cast my mind back to the Tranmere game (Smith's first game in charge in January) when we were 3-1 down with five minutes to go but came back, got the draw and could have won it."

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MK Dons	40	12	5	3	29	17	7	3	10	29	65
Bournemouth	39	12	5	3	43	19	5	7	22	25	63
Rochdale	38	8	7	4	30	24	7	6	5	22	58
Leyton Orient	38	10	5	3	33	19	5	7	9	28	57
Brentford	39	9	4	7	23	23	7	3	9	23	55
Exeter	40	9	5	3	35	30	6	5	9	22	55
Colchester	40	10	6	4	34	28	4	6	10	15	54
Charlton	39	9	5	6	26	27	5	6	8	31	53
Cardiff	39	8	7	5	30	22	6	3	10	21	52
Hartlepool	40	8	4	8	26	28	6	5	9	15	51
Oldham	40	7	7	6	27	28	5	7	8	21	50
Sheff Wed	39	7	5	7	28	26	6	3	11	27	47
Yeovil	39	6	4	9	18	24	4	4	9	24	47
Tranmere	38	7	4	8	22	24	4	6	9	19	43
Norths County	37	9	1	21	19	3	5	10	18	27	42
Dagenham	38	6	6	7	22	23	4	5	10	20	41
WALSALL	39	7	2	10	26	30	3	8	9	21	33
Bristol Rovers	39	5	5	9	20	30	5	10	22	42	40
Swindon	40	5	6	19	22	2	5	13	26	42	35
Plymouth	38	7	4	8	22	28	5	3	11	22	36

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